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Money is not beer or wine;
But to lack it is to owe
Grievous bills, or not to dine.

Money occupies the purse;
Happiness is in the mind,
Else its state is the reverse;
Woe with indigence combined.

Happiness you purchase through
Money that you wisely spend.
Money is the means unto
Happiness, and that's the end.

Who can keep a conscience clear,
Who can have a mind at rest,
That of ruin lives with fear
Ever gnawing at his breast?

Others' happiness your own
Would you render if you could?
'Tis by money's aid alone
You can do your species good.

Happiness he may, below,
Find, with money who abounds;
None else can until they go
To the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Money when a man decries,
Ten to one his bond is due,
And that presently he tries
Out of cash to swindle you.

A LOVE STORY OF ITALY

Years have rolled by since I last gazed upon the City of Flowers; yet the scenes that ravished me on the banks of the Arno often haunt my vision still.

The green hills amid which Florence nestles, as a pearl among emeralds; the quaint old bridges with their grey arches; the galleries alive with works of art, in which so many of the old masters enjoy a kind of immorality—all have a charm for me which has little in common with the every-day world around me. Most of all do I revert to the marble palaces which tell of the past grandeur of Florence, and whose every balcony may have its history of love and sorrow.

Under a window of the old palace of Count Fosco was told me a tale of true knighthood and chivalrous love.

Years ago a tyrannical duke reigned despotically, and Florence was divided into two rival political factions, who hated each other bitterly. Count Fosco and his lovely daughter then lived there; he stern and proud; she gentle and loving, with wondrous dark eyes and rich brown tresses. Many had loved the fair Bianca, but one alone had touched her heart—the young Sforza. Warmly, too, was her love returned, for the soul of the Italian is ardent as the sun which irradiates the cloudless sky of his country; but their affection was known only to themselve, for their families were enemies, and they could only meet by stealth.

Sforza had first seen Bianca kneeling in the cathedral, with the tinted light from an oriel window forming a golden radiance round her head. He had gazed entranced on her Madonna-like face; and when he discovered that she was the daughter of his enemy, he tried hard to diminish the enmity existing between the two families, but in vain. Still he had contrived to know Bianca, and soon discovered that his love was returned. Many a stolen meeting did the lovers have and deeper grew their affection. But it was only when the shades of night had deepened that Sforza ventured to seek the home of the idol of his heart. The balcony of the jewel-room, little frequented by the denizens of the palace, served as the trysting place.

It was the merry carnival time, and the feast and the dance reigned paramount in the hall of Count Fosco. The beauty and wealth of Florence were there; but fairest among the fair was Bianca, the old Count's daughter, wearing a white silk robe embroidered in silver, with rare gems glistening in her hair. All that art and wealth could do combined to shed a halo on the scene. Rich tapestries lined the walls, whereupon were recounted many a stirring scene of love and war. The choicest glass of Venice sparkled on tables heavily laden with the dainties of a country.

But even when the merriment was at its highest, a shadow overcast Bianca's face. The one she loved was absent from the merry crowd. What cared she for the homage of the young nobles at her feet, when the accents of the dear voice was silent? Would the time never come when her lover might be received as a guest in her father's palace? she wondered.

And Sforza, meanwhile, where was he? Concealed in the shadow of an archway, gazing through the windows upon the dazzling scene, watching her he loved as a poet wild with heavenly fire might gaze upon some distant star, with a hopeless longing to sever the space which separates him from it.

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All is quiet; the sounds of merriment are over, and slumber has stilled the gay laughter and the song. But stay—love watches; for at a window a white robed form appears in the pale moonlight, and glances anxiously around.

"No one there? It is too late! He will not come to-night! I feared it would be so!" she murmurs softly; then regretfully closing the window, she retires into an inner room, and, wearied with the dance, soon falls asleep.

But Sforza is still concealed, waiting till the watch shall have passed, for a solemn responsibility rests on him. He fears a discovery which would cast a shadow on the fair fame of Bianca.

Now all is silent, and his trusty ladder of ropes will swing him soon on to the balcony. A few moments, and he will be near her he loves. No doubt she watches for him, or does she already sleep? She has not answered her usual signal—a pebble thrown at the window. He will try. As he has done before, he strives to attach his ladder to the balcony; he succeeds, and with his heart beating violently, he ascends. He has reached the top rail, he has leaped over, and has opened the window, when a stealthy footstep and a gruff voice are heard—"Robber, descend. I take your life if you yield not yourself my prisoner. The law deals with the robber as with the assassin."

In a moment Sforza understood the situation. A passing watchman—a tall, muscular fellow—had taken him for a housebreaker.

"Better so," he thought, "than that Bianca's name should suffer." Escape was impossible. There was but one chance—could the watchman be bribed?

"Stay," said Sforza to him, "let me off, and I will make you rich."

"Not so," replied the man; "I dare not. See, another watch approaches; doubtless you are one of the grange of robbers for whom large rewards have been offered."

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Three days passed, and alone in the gloomy prison sat Bianca's lover. He had been tried for breaking into the palace of Count Fosco, and the watch described him as entering the jewelry room when he was arrested, thus confirming the evidence of his guilt.

Such a crime in one of high birth, and who belonging to the party which the reigning government frowned down, was unpardonable, and no word of justification passed the young man's lips, lest the truth should be suspected. Sentence of death—the usual penalty for housebreaking in those days—was passed, and he awaited his doom.

But did Bianca not hear of his fate? he often wondered. Would she send him no word of loving sympathy? Oh, for one touch of her sweet lips on his heated brow! to hear once more the murmur of her silvery accents!

"Perhaps she dare not come; perhaps her courage failed her," he anxiously thought. "Will she ever know that I loved her more than life? That for her sweet sake I have given up friends, country, all?"

A ray of light streams through the prison door, which turns on its hinges; a closely veiled female form enters.

"Can it be Bianca?"

She throws aside her veil; a cry of joy arises.

"It is! it is!" and the lovers are in each other's arms.

There is a moment of speechless rapture, then Bianca exclaims: "Oh, it is happiness to meet again, if even here!"

"I feared I should never see you more, my own one!" murmurs Sforza.

"I would have been with you before this, dearest; but it was only this morning I heard the sad truth," replied Bianca. "They told me a young Florentine had been sentenced to death for breaking into our palace. Till now the news had been kept carefully from me, as I had been too ill to leave my room since the night of the banquet. Instinctive dread prompted me to ask his name, and they answered it was young Sforza, the enemy of the house. In a moment I understood that your devotion for me was the cause of your being falsely accused. I waited not to here more; but rushed from the house, and sought the way to the prison gates. Money opened them to me, and also the door of your cell."

"Dearest, how much you have risked to see me!"

"Sforza, the time is precious—I must save you. The truth must be known, and at the feet of the Grand Duke I will confess it. He is just and clement, and he will not, cannot refuse my prayer!"

"But think of the consequences, darling, to yourself?"

"What care I for that? You are more than all the world to me! Not for all the wealth that the blue waters of the Adriatic pour into Venice—for all the dangers that any Fosco ever encountered—would I abandon you in this hour of peril. Farewell! Ere the sun goes down, my heart tells me that you shall be restored to life and liberty."

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The Grand Duke was seated among his senators—for it was council-day—when it was announced to him that the Countess Fosco sought audience. She was at once ushered into the council-chamber; and when raising her veil, she cast herself at the feet of the Duke, a murmur of admiration passed through the assembly. In a few and touching words she passionately told her case, and at once won for Sforza the hearts and judgments of the Grand Duke and aged senators.

Convinced of the truth of Bianca's story, a reprieve was at once ordered, and she would herself be the bearer of the good tidings. Sforza passed one more dreary night in prison. The morning dawned calm and beautiful. Would the day bring him life and freedom, or ignominious death? Hush! voices are heard. Whose are they? The prison door flies open. Bianca and her father enter. Sforza is free; and better still, Count Fosco takes him by the hand and announces that he can no longer look on one so noble as an enemy, and that both he and Bianca are forgiven.

A few weeks later, and the old palace rang with joyous voices; and on the balcony, the scene of their joys and sorrows, Bianca and Sforza stood, a happy bride and bridegroom.

DONE IT 'O PURPOSE.—Farmer Downs was out in his orchard and was taken all aback by seeing his bull rushing down on him full tilt. The farmer took to his heels, for there was no time to panse and reason the matter with the beast who had never made such an onset on anybody before. On the good man ran, or flew, to reach the fence, but the enemy in his rear caught him on his horns as he reached it, and gave him a toss that plumped him into the dirt on the other side. The bull was mad with rage at having placed a barrier between him and his prey, and tore up the earth with horns and hoofs. Old Downs rose from the ground, and turning upon his foe cried out, "Oh, you old rascal, you needn't stand there bowing and scraping and making apologies. You done it o' purpose; you know you did!"

STARTLING DISCOVERY.—There was intense excitement in Elizabeth, N. J., the other day, over the discovery of an apparent plot to destroy the town. In the pockets of a man who had been arrested for drunkenness was found a letter from a person in New York, who informed the arrested party that "he might expect him soon, and the first thing he should do upon his arrival would be to blow up Elizabeth!" It was discovered, subsequently, that the writer referred to his wife.

☞Josh Billings says: "Success don't konsist in never making blunders, but in never making the same one a second time."

☞When a policeman finds a man full he takes him to the station-house and his friends bail him out.

☞A man who was found asleep in a coal bin said he was laying in his winter fuel."

THE SPIRIT OF DISCONTENT.

The other day we stood by a cooper who was playing a merry tune with his adz around a cask.

"Ah!" said he, "mine is a hard lot—forever trotting like a dog—driving a hoop."

"Heigho!" sighed the blacksmith on a hot summer day, as he wiped the perspiration from his brow, while the red iron glowed on the anvil; "this is life with a vengeance—melting and frying one's self over a fire.'

"Oh! that I were a carpenter," ejaculated a shoemaker as he bent over his lapstone. "Here I am, day after day, wearing my soul away making soles for others—cooped up in this little seven-by-nine room. Hi-ho-hum!"

"I'm sick of this out-door work!" exclaimed the brick-layer—"holling under a sweltering sun or exposed to the inclemency of the weather."

"This is too bad!" perpetually cried the tailor—"to be compelled to sit perched up here plying the needle all the time. Would that mine were a more active life!"

"Last day of grace!—banks won't discount—customers won't pay—what shall I do?" grumbles the merchant. I had rather be a truck-horse, a dog, or anything else."

"Happy fellows!" groans the lawyer as he scratches his head over some dry, musty record—"happy fellows! I had rather hammer stone all day than puzzle my head on this tedious, vexatious question."

And through all the ramifications of society all are complaining of their condition—finding fault with their calling. "If it were only this, or that, or the other, I should be content," is the universal cry—"anything but what I am." So wags the world, so it has wagged, and so it will wag.

ABOUT MAKING YOUR MARK.—An exchange gives the reason why the mark which persons who are unable to write are required to make instead of their signatures is in the form of a cross. This practice having formly been followed by kings and nobles, is consequently referred to as an instance of the deplorable ignorance of ancient times. This signature is not, however, invariably a proof of such ignorance. Anciently, the use of the mark was not confined to illiterate persons; for among the Saxons the mark of the cross is an attestation of the good faith of the person signing. It was required to be attached to the signature of those who could write, as well as to stand in the place of the signature of those who could not. In these times, if a man could write or read, his knowledge was considered proof presumptive that he was in the Holy Orders The *clericus*, or clerk, was synonymous with penman; and the laity, or people who were not clerks, did not feel any urgent necessity for the use of letters. The ancient use of the cross was therefore universal, alike by those who could and by those who could not write; it was, indeed, the symbol of an oath, from its sacred associations, as well as the mark generally adopted. Hence the origin of the expression "God save the mark," as a form of ejaculation approaching the character of an oath.

TWO CONUNDRUMS.—A young lady, when riding from her father's country-seat to a neighboring village, met a young man on foot who was carrying a jug. She at once reined up her horse and asked him what he had in the jug. Looking up with a comical leer, he simply winked one eye and smacked his lips, to indicate that it contained something good. The young lady, supposing he meant alcohol, immediately began to talk temperance, but her auditor requested the privilege of asking her just one question. "What is it?" she asked. "It is this," he replied; "why is my jug like your side-saddle?" She could not tell. "It is because it holds a gal-on," said he. "What trifling!" exclaimed the young lady and then continued: "Young man, do you not perceive—" "Just one more question," interrupted her auditor, "and then I am done. Why is my jug like the assembly-room of a female academy at roll-call?" "I am sure I don't know," petulantly replied the young lady. "Well, it's because it's full of 'lasses," said the incorrigible auditor. The fair lecturer touched her spirited horse with her whip, and was soon out of hearing of the rude young man.

HOW ELIHU BURRITT STUDIED ARITHMETIC.—He couldn't afford time to attend school, so he used to do certain problems "in his head" while hammering away at his anvil. Here is one of them: "How many yards of cloth, three feet in width, cut into strips an inch wide, and allowing half an inch at each end for the lap, would require to reach from the center of the sun to the center of the earth, and how much would it all cost, at a shilling a yard?" He would not allow himself to make a single figure with chalk or charcoal in working out this problem, and he would carry home to his mother all the multiplications in his head and give them off to him and his assistant, who took them down on their slates, and verified and proved each separate calculation, and found the final result to be correct.

LIFE A SERMON.—Our life is a sermon. Our birth is the text from which we start. Youth is the introduction to the discourse. During our manhood we lay down a few propositions and prove them. Some of the passages are dull, and some are sprightly. Then come inferences and applications. At seventy years we say, "Fifthly and lastly." The doxology is sung. The benediction is pronounced. The book is closed. It is getting cold. Frost on the window-pane. Audience gone.—Shut up the church. Sexton goes home with the key on his shoulder.

PURE AIR FOR CONSUMPTION.—The late Dr. Marshall Hall of England, said: "If I were seriously ill of consumption, I would live out doors day and night, except in rainy weather or mid-winter; then I would sleep in an unplastered log house. Physic has no nutriment; gaspings for air cannot cure you; monkey capers in a gymnasium cannot cure you. What consumptives want is air, not physic; pure air, not medicated air; plenty of meat and bread.

☞What is the difference between a plan of a battle-field and a roasted pippin? One is a war map, the other is a warm apple.

A OHIO GIANT.—A Cleveland paper relates a number of anecdotes illustrative of the strength and size of Abner McIlrath, whom it dubs a giant. It appears that McIlrath is "sixty-one years of age, and is six feet seven and a half inches, standing in his boots, fairly proportioned in form, without a pound of waste flesh. He was and is a giant in muscular strength as well as physically. He has lifted 1,700 pounds of iron, and a blow with his massive fist and long arm is so powerful that on one occasion, when some twelve or fifteen sailors went out to his place to 'raise a muss,' he thrashed the whole lot and threw them one by one out of the door just as one could throw so many babies, and during that operation he dared not double his fist for fear his blows might prove fatal to some of the rowdies. 'Abe' formerly carried on the business of a cooper, and used to come to town, with his load of barrels. On one occasion, while stopping at the 'Red Tavern,' laterly known as the 'Jackson House,' and which is now torn down, a snob from town, who was out there with his turnout in the shape of a livery horse and buggy, got into a difficulty with Abe, and having insulted him in some way or another, Abe resented it by lifting the buggy right up and straddling it across the fence, and then got on his wagon and drove off to town, whistling as though nothing was the matter, and leaving the luckless wight to get his buggy off the fence as best he was able."

A STORY.—We have always looked upon most of the stories involving the intelligence of the magisterial contraband as pleasant exaggerations, but the following is vouched for by a Georgian of the highest respectability:—

An old gentleman was arrested on a complaint of a former servant, and taken before a colored justice. A neighbor went along as a friend and pacificator.

"This gentleman," said the friend, "is well known in our neighborhood as one of our best citizens. He has lived here all his life, and has always been prominent for benevolence and good works. The fortunes of war have stripped him of his possessions, and he is left in his old age with little to depend upon for the necessaries of life. He is a centenarian—"

"Eh! what's dat?" demanded the Justice.

"A centenarian, I say—"

"Den you owns up, eh?"

"I only say he's a centenarian—"

"Well, dat's nuff. Dat's all we want to know. We fines him one hundred dollars and de cost."

And no amount of argument or explanation could change the decision.

☞Not long since a very nervous lady took passage at the Tip-Top House, White Mountains, to descend by the almost perpendicular railroad. Her fears were apparent to every one, and the following unique dialogue took place between her and the conductor: Lady.—Mr. Conductor, how do you hold these cars when you want to make a stop? Conductor.—Madame, we apply the brake, which you see there.—Lady.—Suppose, Mr. Conductor, that brake should give way, what do you do then? Conductor.—Madme, we then apply to the double-acting brake, which you see at the other end of the cars. Lady.—But, Mr. Conductor, suppose that brake should not be sufficient to check the cars, where will we go then? Conductor.—Madame, I can't decide. That depends entirely upon how you have lived in this world!

☞If the gates of heaven were suddenly to swing open, and all mankind be asked no equal terms to enter into the kingdom, don't you know some people who would pause to see what some other people were going to do about it, and some who would refuse altogether, if they saw the so-and-so's about to enter?

☞Many of the chords of religion are untouched in times of prosperity, when they are fanned by balmy zephyrs and regaled by rare perfumes, but when God plays upon them with violent tempests, then the deeper tones sound forth, and they roll out majestic strains of music.

☞There are few of us who are not rather ashamed of our sins and follies as we look out on the blesseed morning sunlight, which comes to us like a bright-winged angel, beckoning us to quit the old path of vanity that stretches its dreary length behind us.

☞A chain of compressed cakes of gun-cotton tied around the trunk of a large tree and exploded will cut it down instantly by the violence of its action. The cut through the trunk is as sharp as the keenest axe.

☞Chester Pike broke his leg in Concord and was carried home. His wife was frightened, and in running to meet him fell over a dog, breaking her arm. Now, if we could only find out what happened to the dog.

☞The aim of all intellectual training for the mass of the people should be to cultivate common sense; to qualify them for forming a sound practical judgment of the circumstances by which they are surrounded.

☞A worthy old farmer, who was being worried in his cross-examination by a lawyer in Maine, exclaimed, "Look here, Squire, don't you ask a good many foolish question?"

☞"Madam, a great many persons were disturbed at the concert last night by the crying of your baby." "Well, I do wonder such persons will go to concerts."

☞A butcher recently found a shawl-pin in a cow he was cutting up into steaks. It is supposed the animal had swallowed a milkmaid.

☞A terrible man who has been trying to make both ends meet, is living on head-cheese and ox-tail soup.

☞A genius is properly supposed to be one who can do anything except to make a living.

☞Whiskey is said to be a horn of plenty, because it will corn you copiously.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1874.

THERE will be openings for aspiring candidates for the Boston Custom House. Simmons has friends to reward.

IT is feared that the Whiskey War will affect the receipts of the internal revenue. Uncle Sam is begining to consider the subject.

THE New Hampshire State election occurs next Tuesday, and the remarkably apathy on both sides is shocking to outside politicians.

THE U. S. House of Representatives has defeated the attempt to revive the franking privilege, although there was nothing very objectionable in the new bill.

SEVERAL petitions from "mothers and danghters" in the rural districts have been sent to the legislature against granting woman suffrage. Fifty years behind the age —that's all.

THE Independent National Grange assembled at Springfield yesterday. There were delegations from several States, and the new order promises to be quite a rival for the old one.

SEVERAL towns elected women on their school boards last Monday. It is usually the case that in country towns more women can be found capable of filling the position than men, and it is but just that their merits should be recognized.

REFORM is in order among the towns this year, as appears from the radical change made at the annual town meetings held the past week. Taxes are high and money is hard to get, and tax-payers elect their officers with a view to economy.

THE U. S. Government has $15,000,000 in trust to be distributed among those who suffered injury by the rebel pirate Alabama. There is a ring forming to gobble up as much of it as possible, and the real sufferers may not get their honest dues after all.

THE claimant of the Tichborne estate has been sentenced to fourteen years imprisonment for being an impostor. He has asked for a new trial, and if denied will carry his case to the House of Lords. The possessor of the Tichborne estate has ruined himself in defending the property.

SOMEBODY suggests Henry L. Pierce for Governor Washburn's successor. Henry has but just taken his seat in Congress and will very naturally want to be re-elected next fall. Besides there is Lieut. Gov. Talbot and speaker Sandford in the line of promotion, either of whom would run well and beat the opposition candidate even if it should be Gen. Butler.

THE English are as big gossippers as we Americans. They are now all roiled up about the matter of Dickens parting with his wife. That event occurred many years ago, and he has been dead a couple of years. It appears that the separation occurred on account of the author feeling that she was much below his station in life, but we cannot see what is to be gained by agitating that scandal now.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S advice not to worry about crossing a stream till you come to it, will apply to those newspapers that are already borrowing trouble about Gen. Butler's being a candidate for Governor next fall. They also remind us of Bridget who had just got her old-fashioned oven heating, and then burst into a boohooing. Her mistress rushed in and in astonishment demanded what was the matter. "Indade," answered Bridget, "'an I was a thinkin' that if I was married, mum, which I am not, and had a little baby, mum, and the baby should creep into that hot oven, mum, doo-hoo!"

MARCH come in with a balmy breath, and its first sun looked down as smiling as a sweet sixteen with a pair of button boots on. It did not open a bit like that old "stormy March" which Robert Thomas used to tell us about, reveling in "winds and rains and stormy skies," and yet we have fears that that fascinating smile will turn into a scowl as cheerless as the Monk of the Mountain, and its sweet breath of spring will change to a roar like the lion before many day's are gone. Winter leaves for March the business of gathering the fragments of cold and frost which it has passed over, and if it does not partake very much of the "cold term" it will astonish all precedents.

IN New York the news-boys and bootblacks have been for some time past supporting an amateur theatre called the "Grand Duke Opera," in which the actors were taken from their own number, and thus providing harmless amusement for their leisure hours, after a hard day's work. But by New York laws all places of amusement pay a license of $500, which goes to the "society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents," and as the boys could not pay such a fee when it was demanded the above society procured an order for the closing of the place by the police. Yet there are 8000 licensed or unlicensed rumshops in the city, a thousand times more harmful, which are unmolested.

☞A Detroit man eloped with a neighbor's wife the other day, and carried the woman into Canada. He is now under arrest for bringing stolen goods into the Dominion.

Collector Simmons.

Contrary to all expectations, after the U. S. Senate had rejected Simmons, Gen. Butler's candidate for collector of the port of Boston, it confirmed him the next day—last Friday—by a vote of 30 to 16. Boutwell and Sumner opposed Simmons, but the Democrats were glad to throw a firebrand into the enemy's camp, and most of them voted for Simmons. That the nomination should be confirmed in the face of such earnest protestations from the people of Boston, and against the wishes of both Senators from Massachusetts, is as remarkable as it was audacious. It was forced through by Gen. Butler and the President, who well knew that public sentiment was against them. The appointment has made the Bostonians mad, and they talk loud and threateningly. We cannot exactly make out what they will do about it, but it looks as though something awful is coming. People living away from the Hub must be excused for not participating so enthusiastically in their indignation—they must be allowed to maintain a "masterly inactivity."

So far as Simmons is concerned we must do him the justice of saying that he will no doubt make as good collector as his predecessor. Nothing personal could be said against him, and he is a very energetic and business-like young man. He has done what thousands of other respectable young men would have done if they had been offered the chance—take a position which pays the largest salary of any office in Massachusetts. As much as we feel like condemning the manner in which the appointment was brought about, it is but fair to accord Simmons the right of accepting it. If it is a Butler move to make an advance upon the Governship it will be pretty certain of failure, for the knowledge that he carried through the scheme has made him more enemies than he had before.

WORCESTER was the stronghold in this State where Dio Lewis proposed to inaugurate his "crusade of the Eastern women" against King Alcohol. Several mass meetings have been held in the city this week and a great deal of interest in the temperance cause revived, but Massachusetts women do not propose to conduct their warfare in like manner to their Western sisters, and there is a great difference among them as to the advisability of street praying parties. They propose to hold mass temperance meetings all over the city, and use such measures for converting the liquor dealers, and those who own buildings leased for the liquor traffic, as are more like our own New England methods and feelings. In this way they will have the hearty support of all friends of temperance, and may expect good results from their labors. In Springfield, too, there is some interest felt, but street-praying will doubtless be decried there and active moral suasion substituted. In the West, the work still goes on, and spreads, meeting with triumphs in some places and serious rebuffs in others, but they have already done much good and if they keep up the interest permanant good will be accomplished by the educating of public opinion up to that point which will enable the passage of wholesome laws for the regulation or abolition of the traffic.

WE have learned all about it now. The reason why Mr. Dawes deserted the Massachusetts delegation in its fight over the Simmons appointment was to come home to attend some law business. Several important matters came up in the House in his absence, which he should have voted on. But law business should be attended to regardless of law-making in Congress.

ANOTHER SHOCKING MURDER.—The Charlestown district of Boston was the scene of another shocking tragedy Wednesday night. Two men, between whom there had been a feud of long standing, met in a club room, when one of them suddenly drew a pistol and shot the other several times, inflicting wounds from which he has since died. The murderer then attempted suicide but was prevented, and is now in the hospital. He was terribly under the influence of liquor at the time of the murder, and had been drinking hard for some time past. He had been pardoned from the penitentiary where he was serving a sentence for another crime, and in the trial at which he was convicted the murdered man was the principal witness.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—An accommodation train on the Great Western R. R. of Canada, consisting of empty tank cars, baggage and second-class cars, and a passenger coach, caught fire last Saturday evening by the falling of a lamp in the passenger coach. The train was stopped as soon as possible, but not till eight persons were fatally suffocated and burned. Several others were more or less burned and injured.

DEADLY PARTNERSHIP.—New York is excited over a horrible murder and suicide between two former partners in business. Trouble concerning a third man who was their partner caused the quarrel, and when they met on the street Tuesday morning, Anthony Baril drew a pistol and deliberately shot and instantly killed his former partner, Peter Tarchial, and then shot himself in the head causing instant death.

☞They found a cork leg lying in a Detroit street, the other day, and the Free Press innocently remarks that if the owner should miss it he can have it by calling at that office.

☞In a meeting of Chicago saloon keepers one of them argued the immense political power "because all the politicians frequent drinking places."

PALMER AND VICINITY.

LOCAL NOTICES.

F. M. Eager wants to hire boot bottomers on pegged or sewed work. Call early.

....Spring mud has been in order this week.

....The Old Folks' sang at Three Rivers last Tuesday evening.

....The men who are to finish Judge Allen's block on Church street are at it.

....Town meeting a week from next Monday. See warrant in another column.

....When will the praying and singing women open their batteries on the Palmer rumsellers?

....Sunday School Concert at 2d Cong. church to-morrow afternoon, at the usual hour. All are invited.

....An old fashioned spelling school by some of the older inhabitants is talked of for the benefit of the 2d Cong. ladies's society.

....One of the most novel and handy inventions we have examined lately is the Self Lighting Lamp, advertised in another column.

....The new barber-shop over Hitchcock's shoe shop was opened Monday. It is a neat and inviting room and will be run by J. L. Rue, a first-class barber.

....A pleasant social dance came off at Nassowanno Hall Thursday eve, with music by Bacon's band from Brimfield, and a merry party were present to enjoy it.

....William Ferguson of this town for stealing a jug of molasses from the wagon of Charles Hastings, Tuesday, was fined $5 and costs by Judge Allen, from which he appealed.

....The Ladies of the 2d Cong. church gave a festival at their vestry Tuesday evening, which was well patronized, and netted them $115, which is to be applied toward fencing in the grounds around the church.

....A pension agency has been opened at Fitchburg for the benefit of United States pensioners residing in Hampden Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester and Berkshire counties, and John W. Kimball is the agent at that place.

....It is said that the State constables have been ordered to report to headquarters the names of persons in their jurisdiction renting premises for the sale of liquor, gaming, or purposes of prostitution. Their report, if full, will be a long one.

....The parish meeting of the 2d Cong. church was pretty successful last Friday, and $500 was raised toward paying off the church debt of $650. A committee was appointed to look up the matter of renting or building a parsonage, and they were to report yesterday.

....Dr. E. B. Dupree, the celebrated chiropodist, now so well and favorably known among us, will shortly make his second visit to Palmer. This will be good news to those who suffer with corns, bunions, bad nails and other feet troubles. Due notice of his arrival will be given.

....Dr. Jewett is expected to speak before the Temperance Reform Club March 16th. The meeting Monday evening was not very enthusiastic nor the attendance large; but perhaps Palmer will catch some of the spirit of the great temperance movement, and in that case the Reform Club may have quite an interesting and profitable temperance revival.

....This is the way in which the New York Tribune comments on our Grangers:

They tell a queer story of the "Grange" at Palmer, Mass. Its Master is a horny-handed lawyer; its Steward is connected with a carpet factory; its Chaplain is a merchant; its Secretary deals in hardware; its Assistant Steward is a Druggist; its Overseer is a doctor; its Treasurer is a dentist, and its Gatekeeper is—a real farmer, with one other real farmer in the Grange, to keep him from being lonesome.

....It is amusing to outsiders to see the boldness with which liquor is brought into town by the barrel in broad day-light, and then to watch the careful manner in which it is smuggled out, concealed in tin boxes, satchels, trunks, etc. At the depot the other day a man put a carpet-bag on the baggage car of one of the trains before it was marked or checked and he was much surprised a few minutes after to see it thrown back on the platform, to hear a crash and see a flood of tempting liquid issue from it and waste itself upon the desert air. But how that gallon of rum came in that bag, he could not for the life of him imagine.

....The Young People's Literary Club gave a pleasant evening's entertainment at the Cong. vestry, last week Friday, consisting of the drama, "Among the Breakers," and a farce. The club had had but a short time in which to prepare and rehearse the drama, and everyone present was agreeably disappointed by the excellent rendering of the play, in which all the actors acquitted themselves well and received much deserved praise from the large audience present. The affair was under the management of Mr. Clarence A. Brown, whose efficient supervision contributed greatly to its success. The club netted $35, which will go towards carpeting and furnishing their club room.

THORNDIKE.

The recent festival at Thorndike in connection with the Old Folks' Concert netted $270.. The gross receipts were over $310. No lotteries.

WARREN.

The next meeting of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Milk Producers Association will be held in Brigham's Hall Warren, next Thursday, 12th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. A full attendance of milk producers is expected. Leander Wetherell, editor of the Boston Cultivator, is to open the meeting with an address on "The Best Methods of Producing Milk," and a general discussion of the subject will follow.

DEPOT BURNED.

The union depot at Barrett's junction, occupied by the Athol & Enfield and New London Northern Railroads, was burned about one o'clock Tuesday morning, and the station agent, S. E. Merrill, narrowly escaped with his life, by jumping out of a window, and losing all his clothing except a pair of pants. In his vest pocket were $180 belonging to the New London road, which was burned. In the freight room were eight sacks of shoddy and a bale of cotton. The fire is supposed to have been set by a tramp, who had been denied shelter.

PROBATE COURT.

The following business was transacted at the Probate Court in Springfield this week: Wills proved—Franklin Morgan of Palmer, Chester W. Chapin and J. A. Rumrill, executors; Wilson Spear of Springfield, Clara Spear, executrix. Administrations granted on estates of—Edwin F. Hitchcock of Brimfield, C. M. Brown and Ella G. Hitchcock, administrators; Persis Wilder of Palmer, Ira G. Potter of Wilbraham, administrator; Calvin W. Hastings of Palmer, H. E. W. Clark and Mary F. Hastings, administrators; John White of Wales, D. B. Belcher, administrator; Daniel D. Chaffee of Wilbraham, Catherine Chaffee, administratrix. Inventories filed on the estates of Levi Wood of Monson and John White of Wales. Accounts rendered on the estates of Albert L. Beebe of Wilbraham, Purchase D. Fuller of Ludlow, Alfred K. Hawes of Monson, and John Smith of Wales.

BRIMFIELD.

It is said that the heirs of Samuel A. Hitchcock have presented his physician, Dr. Chamberlain, with his late residence. Doctors as a rule do not get their share of presents, but always have their share of poor debts.——Emory Livermore has bought the Calvin W. Brown place for $2,800.——C. S. Hitchcock will sell at auction on Tuesday, 17th inst., on the premises, the property of the late E. F. Hitchcock of Brimfield. Full particulars of sale in our columns next week.——The examinations at the High School occurred on Thursday and Friday, closing with an interview on Friday evening. The annual exhibition of the school comes off next Friday evening.

BELCHERTOWN.

Joseph Gould has bought for $1325 the homestead of the late N. H. Randall.——The brick house near Leach's carriage shop has been sold to F. L. Plantiff.——The high school, of which E. H. Dickinson is principal, and the grammar school, taught by Mrs. E. H. Dickinson, closed their winter terms on Tuesday. The high school has a membership of about 40 scholars, 14 of whom were neither absent nor tardy during the term. The school seems to be in excellent condition. The spring term will begin March 23.——There has been more than usual religious interest in the churches for several weeks, and since the Y. M. C. A. revival meetings, it seems to be steadily increasing. Union meetings are held two or three times a week which are well attended, and unusually interesting.

MONSON.

For about a week, the Methodists have been holding extra religious meetings. Some of the members have been greatly quickened by the spirit of Christ, and some of the unconverted have been led to the Saviour, and have been blessed with the pardon of their sins. The meetings are still in progress. Let all who can, attend all these meetings. Some of the Christians, ministers and people have been laboring hard and faithfully for the salvation of souls in Christ, but to God is due all the praise for all the success which has been gained.——Wednesday of this week was a very solemn day in Monson, especially at the bonnet-shop boarding-house. Here, March 4th, died Miss Martha L. Gilmore, aged 28 years and four days. She was born in Woolwich, Me. Her disease, it would seem, was a terrible form of membranous pneumonia. The corpse was sent to the former home of the departed down in Maine, under the care of Mr. Geo. Newton. S.

OUR NEXT TOWN MEETING.

One week from next Monday will occur our annual town meeting. The report to be submitted is printing, and there is a good deal of anxiety to see how the finances of the town will appear. There is also much interest felt in the election of officers. It is said that the present board of selectmen have no desire for a re-election, and that one or two of the assessors positively decline to serve longer. We hear a number of names suggested for a new deal, among whom are E. B. Gates, Geo. Moores John A. Squier for selectmen, and John Clough, T. D. Potter and Enos Calkins for assessors. Another ticket for selectmen is made up of T. D. Potter, Enos Calkins and Dwight M. Stebbins, while other names are suggested. One member of the school committee is to be elected, and Rev. T. A. Leete of Thorndike, whose term expires, will probably be re-elected. Complaint is made that some of the schools during the past winter have not been visited at all, and a superintendent of schools is thought of. The subject of highways is also much talked about. It costs the town some $3000 a year for roads to be worked in the old fashioned way, when a superintendent of roads elected for three years could keep them in better repair for a much smaller annual sum, These things should be well considered beforehand, and the amount of money to be raised for various purposes should receive attention before the time for raising it arrives. It will be well for tax-payers to study the warrant, and look over the town report before the time of voting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS.

The result of the annual March meetings in our neighboring towns last Monday is given below:

Belchertown—Clerk, Charles L. Washburn; treasurer, E S Bridgman; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Franklin Dickinson, D V Fuller, Martin Sedgwick; assessors, Martin Sedgwick, Samuel Allen, L V B Cook; school committee, C L Washburn; tax collector, W C Owen; constables, J M Towne, Wm Burnett, Jefferson Colgrove, Henry Canterbury; appropriations—town and pauper expenses $3000, schools 5000, highways and bridges 2500, to pay interest on public debt 2500, to pay discount on taxes 2000. Voted, not to rescind the vote wherein the town gave the control of the common for certain purposes to the park association.

Enfield—Clerk and treasurer, A Moody; selectmen and overseers of the poor, A D Potter, E E Cabot, John Eddy; assessors, B R Davis, A L House, Ransom House; school committee, S S Pope, R E Aldrich, Fredcrick Snaw; appropriations deferred till the April meeting.

Warren—Clerk and treasurer, Samuel E Blair; selectmen, L M Gilbert, Willard Hall, S N Gleason; assessors, J B Lombard, S B Richardson, J T Coombs; overseers of the poor, C E Gleason, John Wetherbee, O F Bliss; school committee, Rev. Wm M Gay; constables, Wm Coombs, C L Carter.

Wales—Clerk, Herbert H Haradon; treasurer, A B Johnson; selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, F L Burley, F L Coburn, W L Needham; road commissioner, F S Gardner; school committee, Miss Sara Nelson; tax collector and constable, E. Darwin Shaw. Appropriations deferred until the April meeting.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....Three persons united with the East Cong. church last Sabbath upon the public profession of their faith.

....The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the East Cong. church met at the Hampshire House Wednesday afternoon and evening.

....For assault upon policeman Barnes, a fellow named Mitchell was obliged to pay Justic Richards, a fine and costs amounting to $12.80 on Wednesday.

....The free public library of the Y. M. L. Association now contains upwards of 1600 volumes, and has received during the year the patronage of nearly 1000 different individuals.

....The Unitarian Social Club will give a social entertainment at the vestry this (Saturday) evening, and among other attractions will be the presentation of "Dora" by members of the club.

....The annual reunion of the High School will be held at Music Hall Tuesday evening, March 10. There will be tableaux, charades, etc., the entertainment closing with the drama of "The Last Loaf." All former scholars of the school are invited to be present.

....The lecture of Dr. Jewett on Thursday evening, was largely attended, Music Hall being well filled with an attentive audience. We had hoped some measures would have been taken to form some kind of a temperance organization, and still hope something of the kind may be done while so much interest is manifested.

....Rev. Mr. Mars of Athol preached to large congregations at the Methodist church on the evenings of Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, and though the speaker is now well advanced in years, his sermons are of a deeply impressive character, and by the earnestness of their delivery well calculated to reach the hearts and consciences of his hearers.

....The Young Men's Library Association held their annual meeting, Thursday evening March 5th, and elected the following list of officers. T. D. Gilmore, President; C. C. Hitchcock, Vice President; S. A. Spooner, Clerk; E. C. Merriam, Assistant Clerk; G. B. Cutler, Treasurer; J. E. Gilbert, Librarian; C. E. Stevens, C. D. Gilbert, Directors.

....C. Edward Stevens and J. H. Gilbert, having been elected on Monday last to *important* town offices as a mark of esteem on the part of citizens, invited their fellow-members of the Young Men's Library Association to an oyster supper at the Hampshire House in the evening, in honor of said election. It is needless to add that the occasion was highly social in its nature, and fully enjoyed by all.

....The meeting of citizens at Music Hall on Saturday evening, to consider the question of adopting some means for the better protection of property against fires, was fully attended, Wm. E. Lewis acting as chairman. A committee of four was chosen to visit different towns where fire extinguishers are used, and to report the results of their investigations at an adjourned meeting to be held next Saturday evening, 14th inst. A renewal of the contract with the Otis Company was also favored.

....Our annual town meeting, held last Monday, was not as enthusiastic as many preceding gatherings of the kind, no questions of special importance being brought forward to call forth lengthy and exciting discussions. Hon. Chas. A. Stevens presided at the meeting. The election of town officers resulted in very little change from the board of last year, although there was as usual an opposition ticket in the field. The following is a list of officers, together with the appropriations for the ensuing year: H. M. Coney, clerk; A. Sandford, treasurer; C. E. Blood, C. D. Gilbert, Francis Blair, selectmen; W. E. Lewis, D. P. Billings, J. E. Bowdoin, overseers of the poor; Seth Pierce, James W. Breckenridge, Benj. Davis, assessors; school committee for three years, H. C. Davis, A. J. Harwood, N. J. Clark, F. E. Hall; Geo. B. Canterbury, Reuben Snow, Geo. Feehan, constables; David P. Billings, collector. Appropriations—For highways, $3500; for schools, 8000; paupers, 1500; contingent expenses, 5000; interest, 4700; town debt, 5000; police and lighting streets, 800; public library, 750; memorial day, 100; total, $29,350. The following votes were passed: That the board of selectmen constitute a board of health; That the selectmen be instructed to appoint police for the preservation of order on the Sabbath; That the school committee be empowered to construct two rooms in the attic of the South street school house, and one room in the basement of the school house on High street, to be used for school purposes. Wm. W. Barnes was appointed a special policeman. The annual report shows the present indebtedness of the town to be $74,453. The meeting adjourned to Monday, 23d inst., when unfinished business will be taken up.

NORTH ORANGE.

A happy affair occured at North Orange, Feb. 11th, at the golden wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel K. Mellen. Their children, grand-children, and one great-grand-child, with many of their neighbors had gathered to celebrate this happy event, bringing substantial evidence of their regard for the worthy couple, in presents of gold, silver, greenbacks and many other things to comfort and cheer, amounting in value to over $300. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Gorman, Mr. & Mrs. Mellen joined their right hands, and Rev. Mr. Willis remarried them in an appropriate poetical address. It is not often in this short life and shorter marriage ties, that we are permitted to celebrate a golden wedding, but the above event beautifully proves that:—

Marriage rightly understood,
Gives to the tender and the good,
A paradise below.

MUSICAL CONVENTION AT WARREN.

The Musical Convention which opened at the Cong. church in Warren on Tuesday evening, under the direction of Solon Wilder of Boston, has been highly successful in its results and largely attended by the singers of this vicinity, including quite a number from Ware. The chorus numbered about 100 members, and proved an efficient one. They were accompained by Miss M. E. Darling of Providence, a pianist of more than ordinary skill and accomplishments. The concert on Thursday evening, though not very fully attended, was one of great merit in view of the brief time used in preparation. The program included chorus and anthems by the members, a finednett by Geo. G. Hall and Dr. J. B. Gould of this town, songs by Miss Jennie Patrick, Miss M. Louis Gould and Mrs. J. E. Moore of Warren, Mr. Perkins and Miss Nutting of North Brookfield, and a piano solo by Miss Darling. The leading soloists were the Misses Patrick and Gould, who won hearty applause from the audience. The festival closed with another concert Friday evening. The citizens of Warren very kindly provided entertainment for those singers coming from neighboring towns.

☞In the Louisville City Court on Monday morning, Louis Kinstler and M. A. Walker, two attorneys, quarrelled. Walker said that Kinstler had been whipped at a whipping post, and the latter loudly remarked that Walker was a liar. They were fined $1 each, and imprisonment six hours for contempt.

☞The Second Cong'l. Church in Birmingham, Conn., has gone back to the old style of music, having introduced a flute, double bass viol and cornet to assist the vocalists.

☞Cool! cucumbers at $1 apiece in Faneuil Hall market.

☞Springfield will be happy when she has spent $1,200,000 for water works.

☞The Mayor of St. Louis called a reporter a character assassin. Poor man!

☞The New Haven Palladium says that Boston men dress better than Boston women.

☞Vassar College consumes sixteen loads of peanuts, every week; so they say, anyway.

☞Wonders will never cease. A woman has been arrested in Boston for stealing *an umbrella*.

☞The line of march for the St. Patrick's day procession at St. Louis is seven miles long.

☞A diamond from the African fields is on exhibition in New York, valued at from $30,000 to $50,000.

☞An Arkansas man lectured for six months before anybody discovered that he was reciting eight chapters in the Bible.

☞The Illinois Legislature wants more greenbacks. So do many other persons; but then, you know, they don't get them.

☞Twenty-five thousand Valentines passed through the New York post office in one day. Are there so many fools at this day?

☞Mrs. Green, a Kansas widow, wants to marry again, and as a recommendation she says she has used one broom fourteen years.

☞Winchendon ought to be happy. There is a panther wandering about the sylvan shades in that vicinity that eats cats.

☞The Rev. Mrs. Van Cott is so popular in Omaha that no church in town is large enough to contain the congregation which she gathers.

☞The Governor and Council have decided to appoint Thursday, April 2, as "Fast Day," and the usual proclamation will at once be issued.

☞Four convicts attempted to run away from Sing Sing Prison Sunday. One was mortally wounded by the guard and the others were captured.

☞An Iowa paper speaks of a man who owns ten thousand acres of land, is eighty-four years old, and yet as lively as a chipmunk. We don't see how that can be.

☞A new electric whistle for locomotives is now coming into use in France which is so contrived that if an engineer neglects his duty he will be exposed by it.

☞The women in one of the streets of Machias, Me., noticing that a week after a snow storm the sidewalks were not cleared, turned out and put them in good condition.

☞Some facetious individual has inserted in the warrant of the Cheshire town meeting an article proposing the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad as a highway.

☞Colonel Blood ascended the office stairs of the St. Paul (Minn.) Press to thrash the editor, but was struck in the stomach by an inkstand and rolled to the bottom.

☞A lot of mahogany and cherry coffins, a little out of fashion in style, but otherwise good, were recently purchased by the New Haven authorities for about $2 each.

☞Ex-President Baez had been arrested in New York and held in $25,000 bonds, on a charge of conspiring against the liberty, wealth and life of David Hatch, a wealthy resident of South Norwalk, Conn.

☞In view of the fact that a New Hampshire man recently paid $2000 for a game cock, the St. Louis Journal remarks that those fellows evidently prefer a shanty-clear to a mansion in the skies.

☞A scientific commission in Peru found in Pabullon de Pica over 6,000,000 tons of pure guano; in Point Lobos, 2,000,000 tons; in Huamillas, 900,000, tons, and in Chenabeva 150,000 tons, all of excellent quality.

☞A widow in Sutton recently visited a dying woman and said: "I have been wanting, for some time, to see some one about to die, that I might send a message to my husband. Tell him that we are well here, and send our best regards."

☞There was a jumping match between seven young ladies in Waupon, Wis., for a silver medal. The contestants wore loose trowsers and no skirts, and are described as so bewitching that the spectators cheered themselves hoarse. Sarah Jane Smith won.

☞The spinners in the Lyman mills at Holyoke, to the number of 125, struck on Monday for the wages they received before the panic, which were about 15 per cent. more than now. The company say they will have no trouble in supplying the striker's places.

☞A pretty German girl of Indiana made $100 quite neatly the other day. She took it from a gay deceiver with a wife and family in Coldwater, Mich., to buy her outfit for an elopement, but, about the time he expected to meet her at the next station, she was on a train in precisely the opposite direction, going home.

☞Among the gifts to a Pennsylvania bride, a few days since, was a broom, to which was attached the following sweet sentimental lines:

"This trifling gift accept of me,
Its use I would commend;
In sunshine use the brushy part,
In storms, the other end."

☞Special Agent Crowell, has just made a $95 capture. Eugene H. Moore, Postmaster at Carbondale, southern Kansas, embezzled a draft drawn in favor of D. W. Bartlett. Moore was one of a gang of thieves who have plundered the mails of considerable sums of money.

☞Connecticut towns have subscribed sufficient to secure the building of the section of Connecticut Central Railroad in that State, and it is said that a bill is to be introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature under which Springfield will have another chance to secure this railroad connection.

☞The California and Iowa Legislatures have passed resolutions asking that the federal constitution be so changed as to allow United States Senators to be chosen by a direct vote of the people instead of by Legislatures.

☞A mass temperance convention is to be at Springfield, March 24 and 25, when it will be decided whether the prayer system shall be adopted or not.

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At Palmer, 21st ult., by Rev. O. W. Adams, JOHN W. COBLEIGH and ELVINA DUNHAM; 3d, by the same, ANSEL M. INGRAHAM and NELLIE E. INGRAHAM, all of Palmer.

DIED.

At Thorndike, 28th ult., JOHANNAH SULLIVAN, 60.

At Belchertown, 24th ult., ELLA L. LONGLEY, 26.

At Monson, 28th ult., LYNDELL W. LEACH, 11 weeks; 3d, CATHERINE WASHBURN, 87; 3d, ESTELLA S. ROGERS, 1 year 8 months; 4th, M. LILLY GILMORE, 28.

At Stafford, Ct., 25th ult., HANNAH ELLITHORPE, 73; 27th ult., ABIGAIL WHITE, 68; 1st, JOHN WHITE, 41; 2d. WM. A. FOSTER, 63.

At Wilbraham, 5th, Mrs. EMELINE C., widow of Samuel Warner.

At Ludlow, at the residence of her son, C. A. Southworth, OLIVE G. SOUTHWORTH, 88, of Chicopee.

At Ware, 5th, Mrs. CHARLES SNOW, 25.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed executors of the will of Franklin Morgan, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

CHESTER W. CHAPIN, JAMES A. RUMRILL, } Executors.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSASHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS.—To Jason A. Palmer, Constable of the town of Palmer, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Palmer on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To determine the number of selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, school committee, and constables the town will choose for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To act upon the report of the school committee, selectmen, overseers of the poor, and other town officers.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see if the town will raise any money to reduce the debt of the town.

Art. 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Art. 9. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will make any by-laws and regulations to prevent the pasturing of cattle and other animals upon the streets and highways of the town.

Art. 11. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Art. 12. To see if the town will build one or more tombs in town and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 13. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 14. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to choose a truant committee for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to put up guide-boards in all places where they are required by law.

Art. 17. To see what by-laws the town will enact concerning truant children and act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to refund to the heirs of the late Benjamin A. Burleigh any portion of the taxes which have been improperly assessed against them, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see what action, if any, the town will take in relation to filling or raising the road lying between the Merrick bridge and the house of Elisha Warner, to prevent its being flowed in times of high water.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to shingle the Town House and build a fence between the Town House lot and land of J. K. Ferrill, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 21. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received under the will of Calvin Thompson.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take to provide a lock-up and tramp room.

Art. 23. To see if the town will accept two certain town-ways as layed out by the selectmen in the Depot Village of Palmer, as follows: One from Bridge street south-easterly about eight rods to land of the Boston and Albany Railroad company, being a continuation of Pleasant street; and one from Thorndike street north-westerly about twenty-six rods to Knox street, just south-westerly of the houses of John Foster and Jason A. Palmer.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take to collect the money due the town from George A. King, collector for the year 1871.

The names of selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, school committee, and constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot, town clerk and treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in a newspaper called the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D. 1874.

ELIJAH G. MURDOCK, PARKER W. WEBSTER, TIMOTHY D. POTTER, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy. Attest: J. A. PALMER, Constable.
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THIS is to certify that, whereas my husband, George, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on my account, as I shall pay no more debts or his contracting.

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Wales, Feb. 23d, 1874. 3w52*

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H. W. CHAPIN.

Monson, Feb. 12th, 1874. 4w50

The Man who Cheats the Printer.

The man who cheats the priuter
Out of a single cent,
Will never reach the heavenly land
Where old Elijah went.

He will not gain admittance there;
By devils he'll be driven,
And made to loaf the time away
Outside the walls of heaven.

Without a friend to greet him there;
Without a pleasant grin;
The happiness that he will reap
Will be almighty thin!

He'll have to eat the thistle
Of sorrow and regret;
He'll have to back around quite smart
With cussedness "you bet."

☞Rooted sorrow—An aching tooth.

☞A great hardship—An iron steamer.

☞Why should artists drink paint? Because it suits their palate.

☞As twice eleven is twenty-two, how can twice ten be twenty too?

☞For those having heavy bills maturing, *blue* is the prevailing color.

☞If some men died and others did not, death would indeed be a most mortifying evil.—*Bruyere.*

☞Always keep on the right when driving or walking to avoid collision. Go right, in everything.

☞Short dresses, however convenient, are suitable only on very slender forms with Cinderella feet.

☞To tell a falsehood is like the cut of a sabre; for, though the cut may heal, the scar will remain.—*Saadi.*

☞A loving wife says she is quite willing that her husband should throw dust in her eyes so long as it is gold dust.

☞The bread of life is love; the salt of life is work; the sweetness of life, poesy; the water of life, faith.—*Jameson.*

☞A young doctor, being recently asked to dance the "Lancers," said he was much more able to lance the dancers.

☞Waynesborough, Pa., boasts of a haunted distillery, which is just the place where one would naturally look for spirits.

☞Cooing is well enough before marriage, but the billing doesn't come till after; and then it comes from the tradesmen.

☞An Atlanta man wants the the thief who stole his well-bucket and rope to come back and get the well, as it is of no present use to him.

☞An Iowa gentleman recently shot a postmaster for refusing to lick a postage stamp for the amiable and accomplished wife of the shooter.

☞A New Jersey tobacconist with commendable frankness, advertises: "I shall continue to keep on hand imported cigars of my own manufacture."

☞A Sionx city hotel has a black and tan dog that killed a thonsand rats in a month. This is a good puff for the dog, but its hard on the hotel.

☞An exchange says: "Keep an eye out for the early resumption of payment." Both of our eyes are already out [illegible] for it and [illegible] knows.

☞A California paper tells about a boy climbing a tomato vine to get away from a mad dog. Tomato vines attain an enormous size in California and so do lies.

☞Traveler (registering)—John Smith and lady Hotel clerk—All right, sir. Put you in 115, the lady in 94. Traveler—But the lady's my wife. Hotel clerk—Then why didn't you say so?.

☞A gentleman in Missouri drew all his money out of the bank during the late panic and put it nobody knows where. Then he died suddenly, and his heirs are wildly prospecting in al all sorts of probable and improbable places.

☞The most confiding woman lives in Providence. She went to an auction, and knowing the prevalence of thieves at such places, asked a nice-looking young man to take care of her pocket-book, contalning $80. He is still taking care of it.

☞One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday.—*Emerson.*

☞A sailor dropped out of the rigging of a ship of war, some fifteen or twenty feet, and fell plump on the head of the first lieutenant. "Wretch!" said the officer, after he had gathered himself up, "where did you come from?" "An' sure I came from the North of Ireland, yer honor."

☞The Boston Congregationalist says: "One young lady in this city lately received such injuries by falling on a waxed ballroom floor as resulted in death; while another, at a ball Friday night struck the staging of the platform with such force as to drive a hair-pin into her skull, producing a serious and very painful wound." The moral is, obvious girls, beware of dancing—especially on waxed floors—and never, never wear hair-pins.

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Palmer, Feb, 17, 1874. 3w51

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They stand at the window, peering,
And pressing against the pane
Their beautiful childish faces:
Without are the night and the rain.

They stand at the window, peering:
What see they, the children, there?
A room full of happy faces,
A room full of shining air,

A room full of warmth and brightness,
A room full of pleasant sights—
Of pictures and statues and vases,
And shadows at play with the lights.

But sweetest of all, to their gazing
(So near, they seem part of there!),
Is the room full of happy faces
In the room full of shining air.

Ah me! my precious observers,
Another sight I shall find.
What is it? I dread to tell you,
And, oh! it were sweet to be blind!

From the lighted room through the window,
I see, and have seen them of old,
A world full of wretched faces,
A world full of darkness and cold,

A world full of cold and darkness,
A world full of dreary sighs:
No pictures, not statues, nor vases,
But shadows that put out the lights.

Ah, saddest of all, through the window
(They seem with us, so near!) I behold
A world full of wretched faces
In a world full of darkness and cold!

FRANK SEYMOUR'S CHOICE.

It was a little studio quite at the top of the house. Upon the easel that occupied the post of honor in the middle of the room was a piece of canvas glowing with soft tints of a spring landscape, and Frank Seymour stood before it, pallet in hand, his large brown eyes dreamy with a sort of inspiration.

In a comfortable easy chair by the door sat a plump, rosy little female, in a lace cap with plenty of narrow white satin ribbon fluttering round it, and a silver grey poplin dress—Mrs. Seymour, in fact, our artist's mother, who had just come up from the very basement "to see how Frank was getting along."

"Here, mother," said the young man, with an enthusiastic sparkle in his eye, "just see the way the sunset light touches the topmost branches of the old apple tree. I like the brown subdued gold of that tint; it somehow reminds me of Grace Teller's hair."

Mrs. Seymour moved a little uneasily in her chair.

"Its very pretty; but it strikes me, Frank, you are lately discovering a good many similitudes between Miss Teller and your picture."

Frank laughed good humoredly.

"Well, mother, she is pretty."

"I don't deny but what she is pretty enough."

"Now, mother, what's the meaning of that ambiguous tone?" demanded the young artist, pleasantly. "What have you discovered about Miss Teller that isn't charming and womanly and lovable?"

"Frank, do you know who she is?"

"Yes, I know that she is a remarkably pretty girl, with a voice that sounds exactly like the low, soft rivulet where I used to play when I was a boy."

"Nonsense," said Mrs. Seymour, sharply.

"Well, then, if you are not satisfied with my description of her as she is would you like to know what she will be?"

Mrs. Seymour was puzzled.

"Mother, I think one day she will be my wife!"

"Frank, Frank! Are you crazy?"

"Not that I know of," said Frank, composedly, squeezing a little deep blue on his pallet from a dainty tin tube, and mixing it thoroughly.

"We know so little about her," thought Mrs. Seymour. "To be sure she is visiting Mary Elton, and Mary belongs to a very good family, if she does live in but half a house, and takes in fine embroidery for a living. But then she has no style compared with Cynthia Parker, who always did fancy our Frank. Then, moreover, she has five or six thousand dollars of her own. But dear me! a young man in love is the most headstrong creature alive."

Mrs. Seymour mused a little longer, then put on her mouse-colored bonnet and gray shawl, and set out on a tour of investigation.

"I'll find out about Miss Teller, or I'll know the reason why," thought the indefatigable widow.

Miss Grace Teller was "at home," helping Mary Elton on an elaborate piece of fine embroidery. The room where the girls sat was very plain, carpeted with the cheapest ingrain, and curtained with very ordinary pink chintz, yet it looked snug and cheery, for the fat black bird was chirping in the window, and a stand of mignonette and velvet blossomed pansies gave a delicate refinement to the details of everyday life.

Mary Elton was pale, thin, and not at all pretty, though there was a tremulous sweetness about her mouth that seemed to whisper that she might have been very different under different circumstances. Grace Teller was a lovely blonde, with large blue eyes, rose-leaf skin, and hair whose luminous gold fell over her forehead like an aureola.

As Mrs. Seymour entered, a deeper shade of pink stole over Grace's beautiful cheeks, but otherwise she was calm and self-possessed, and readily parried the old lady's interrogatories.

"Very warm this morning," said the old lady, fanning herself. "Do they have very warm weather where you came from, Miss Teller?"

"I believe it is very warm in Factoryville, said Grace, composedly, taking a needleful of white silk."

"Factoryville! Is that your native place? Perhaps, then, you know Mr. Parker—Cynthia Parker's father—who is superintendent of the great calico mills there."

"Very well—I have seen him."

"Are you acquainted with Cynthia?"

"No I believe Miss Parker spends most of her time in this city."

"That's very true," said Mrs. Seymour, eagerly.

"Cynthia often says there's no society worth having in Factoryville—only the girls that work in the factory, and Cynthia is very genteel. But—excuse my curiosity, Miss Teller—how did you become acquainted with Mr. Parker and not his daughter?"

Grace colored.

"Business brought me in contact frequently with the gentleman of whom you speak, but I never happened to meet Miss Parker."

Mrs. Seymour gave a start in her chair; she was begining to see through the mystery.

"Perhaps you have something to do with the calico factory."

"I have," said Grace, with dignity.

"A factory girl!" gasped Mrs. Seymour, growing red and white.

"Is there any disgrace in the title?" quietly asked Grace, though her own cheeks were dying crimson.

"Disgrace? Oh no, certainly not. There's no harm in earning one's living in an honest way," returned Mrs. Seymour absently. The fact was that she thinking in her inmost mind. What will Frank say? and anticipating the flag of triumph she was about to wave over him.

"I do not hesitate to confess," went on Grace, looking Mrs. Seymour full in the eye, "that to the calico factory I owe my daily bread."

"Very laudable, I'm sure," said the old lady growing a little uneasy under the deep blue gaze, "only there are steps and gradations in all society, you know, and—and I am a little surprised to find you so intimate with Miss Elton, whose family is—"

Mary came over to Grace and stooped to kiss her cheeks.

"My dearest friend, my most precious companion," she murmured. "I should be quite lost without her, Mrs. Seymour.

The old lady took her leave stiffly, and did not ask Grace to return her call, although she extended a cordial invitation to Mary, couched in the politest and most distinct terms.

"Frank!" she ejaculated, as she returned home, never once stopping to remove shawl or bonnet, "who do you suppose your paragon of a Miss Teller is?"

"The loveliest of her sex," returned Frank, briefly and comprehensively.

"A factory girl!" screamed the old lady at the top of her lungs. "A factory girl!"

"Well, what of that?"

"What of that?" Frank Seymour, you never mean to say that you would have anything to say to a common factory girl?"

"I should pronounce her a very uncommon factory girl, mother," said the young man, with aggravating calmness.

"Frank, don't jest with me," pleaded the poor little mother, with tears in her eyes. "Tell me at once that you will give up this idle fancy for a girl who is in no way equal to you."

"No, she is in no respect my equal," returned Frank, with reddening cheek and sparking eye, "but in every respect my superior. Grace Teller is one of the noblest women that ever breathed, as well as most beautiful. Mother, I love her, and she has promised to be my wife."

"Frank, Frank, I never thought to see my son marry a factory girl."

And then a torrent of tears came to her relief, while Frank went on quietly touching up the scarlet foliage of a splendid old maple in the picture.

Mrs. Seymour was the first to arrive at Mrs. Randall's select soiree on the first Wednesday evening in July; the fact was she wanted a chance to confide her grief to Mrs. Randall's sympathizing ear.

"Crying? Yes, of course I have been crying, Mrs. Randall; I have done nothing but cry for a week."

"Mercy upon us," said Mrs. Randall, elevating her kid gloved hands; "what is the matter? I hope Frank isn't in any sort of trouble?"

"My dear," said the old lady, in a mysterious whisper, "Frank has been entrapped—inveigled into the most dreadful entanglements. Did you ever fancy that he, the most fastidious and particular of created beings, could be resolutely determined on marrying a factory girl?"

Mrs. Randall uttered an exclamation of horrified surprise, and at the same moment a party of guests were announced, among whom was Miss Teller, looking more lovely than ever.

"Well," thought, Mrs. Seymour, as her hostess hurried away to welcome the new comers, "well, wonders never cease! Grace Teller at Mrs. Randall's soiree! But I suppose it is all on account of Mary Elton's uncle, the judge. Here comes Mr. Parker and Cynthia; dear me, what a curious mixture is our American society; how they will be shocked to meet Miss Teller!"

Involuntarily she advanced a step or two to witness the meeting. Mr. Parker looked quite as much astonished as she had expected, but somehow it was not the kind of astonishment that was on the program.

"Miss Grace! You here! Why; when did you come from Factoryville?"

"You are acquainted with Miss Teller?" asked Mrs. Randall, with some surprise.

"Quite well; in fact, I have had the management of her property for some years. Miss Teller is the young lady who owns the extensive calico factories from which our village takes its name."

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mrs. Seymour, turning pale and sinking down upon a divan near her. "Why, they say the heiress of the old gentleman who owned the Factoryville property is the richest girl in the country."

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"So you are determined to marry me, Frank, in spite of everything?"

Grace Teller had been crying; the dew was yet on her eyelashes, and the unnatural crimson on her cheeks, as Frank Seymour came in, and Mary Elton considerately stepped out to search for a missing pattern.

"I should rather think so," said Frank, looking admiringly down on the golden head that was stooping among the pansies.

"But our mother thinks me far below you in social position."

"Social position be ignored! What do I care for social position, as long as my little Grace has consented to make sunshine of my home?"

"Yes, but Frank—"

"Well, but, Grace?"

"Do you really love me?"

For the answer he took both the fair, delicate hands in his, and looked steadily into her eyes.

"Frank," said Grace Teller, demurely, "I am afraid that you will make a dreadfully strong-willed, obstinate sort of a husband."

"I shouldn't wonder, Grace."

And so the purple twilight faded into purple softer than the shadow of the eastern amethysts, and the stars came out one by one, and still Grace and Frank talked on, and still Mary Elton didn't succeed in finding the missing pattern.

"Grace, said Frank, gravely and almost sternly, "what does this mean?"

The blue eyes filled with tears as she clung closer to his arm.

"I can't help owning the calico factories, Frank. Don't you love me just as well as if I didn't?"

"My little deceiver! But why did you not tell me?"

Why should I tell you, Frank? It was so nice to leave the heiress behind, and be plain Grace Teller for awhile, and when I saw how opposed your mother was to our engagement, a spark of woman's wilfulness rose up within me, and I resolved I would maintain my incognito, come what might. Mrs. Seymour," she added, turning archly round and holding her hand to the discomfited old lady, "didn't I tell you I owed my daily bread to the factory?"

And poor Mrs. Seymour for once in her life was at a loss for an answer.

THOMAS CONCERTS.

Yes, sir, I know lots of men who will start up in bed and shiver and shake, and curse and swear if a tom-cat, prowling along the garden fence, but opens his jaws and utters one single yell. On the contrary, the mid-night cats never disturb me. In fact, I like to lay and listen to the music of a dozen cats holding mass convention on the garden fence.

As the first cat breaks out I heave a sigh and wonder if the world wouldn't be as well off without cats, but I don't get mad. Some men tear around and declare that they'll never sleep again until they kill every cat within a circle of four hundred and fifty miles; and nothing will soothe them.

After the third yell I wonder if it would not be just as well if a bad boy should by an ounce of arsenic, a pound of meat, and distribute the two around in back yards, but I don't go further. Some men jump out of bed and yell: "Where in thunder is that boot-jack—where's a club?" And they rush to the door and sling clubs and yell "scat!" and wake everybody in the block.

After the fifth yell, I wonder if I hadn't better raise the window and ask the cats to adjourn around the block, on account of my wife's nervousness, but I don't get mad. Some men allow their hair to stand right up, fall over chairs, stub their toes against the stove and exclaim: "Helen Blazes, but won't I sicken those fellows!"

By and by the cats cease howling, and my eyelids begin to ache. I am rapidly losing consciousness when the old Maltese rises to a question of order, and the opposition commences yelling him down. He yells back, and I get up to see what time it is, and then wonder if it wouldn't be as well for me to go out there and explain matters, and entreat the convention to go down the fence to the grape arbor. Mind I don't run around after the shot gun, and wake up my wife and ask her for powder and old nails and broken glass, and bark my shin on the stove hearth and call out: "I'll kill a million cats to pay for this!"

Maltese yields the floor, and the convention goes ahead in an orderly manner. I imagine that the business which called the crowd together has been disposed of, and creep back to bed. My wife wakes and wants to know what I got up for, and I tell her that I was after the peppermint for my neuralgia. Some men would lay and jaw and fume for an hour, and finally get up a fight with their loving partner.

I just close my eyes to sleep when old Maltese offers an amendment to some motion and the opposition go for him again. He yells back, spits at them in scorn, and they fall upon him. He backs under my window and stands at bay. I creep out of bed and seize a club, but drop it again as I remember that I am not mad. It would, perhaps, be well to step to the door, and throw the boiler, and the woodbox, and the whole summer kitchen, at the cats, but I refrain, and I merely tap on the window, and urge Maltese to cover himself with glory. Some men would grab up the table or sofa, or the first thing handy and ejaculate: "I'm a sinner if I don't murder somebody or something!" Years of observation have convinced me that the general antipathy to cats is entirely unfounded.

EDITORS AND THEIR TEMPTATIONS.

Editors are subject to peculiar temptation. They sit at the local point where politics and religion and commerce meet. They have prized favors to grant which are bidden for by all the seductiveness of money, of appeals to principle, and appeals to meaner motives. They are lauded and cursed. Mirrors of popular sentiments, they become more or less creators. Every vice attacks their exposed freedom. All the temptations waylay them which come of night-work, emergency pressure, glowing occupation, and varied associations with the highest and lowest. It is not affectation to plead lack of time for the calmer culture of character, for religious exercise, for Sabbath rest. The American editor is not bad material. He is intellectually a peer with his brethren of either of the learned professions. His industry is heroic—the range of topics he discusses is limited only by the civilization of the day—his power for good or ill simply incalculable. So far from his intimacy with the current world being any hindrance to piety, it teaches him to discriminate between shams and realities. He ought, from his knowledge of present human nature and the status of affairs, to take the place of the ancient prophet—warn, and exhort, and set the example in all holiness. Pray for the weary, tempted, pre-occupied editor, that his pen may be ever dipped in truth, his soul warmed by the love of Him who stimulated human thought. There is no class of men whom the church of Christ more needs, to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God.—*Chicago Advance.*

☞An undecided fellow courted a lady twenty-eight years, and then married her. She turned out a perfect virago, but died in two years after the wedding. "Now," said he, in a self-congratulating tone, "see what I have escaped by a long courtship."

☞An assessor asked a woman how many chickens she had, and, doubting her word, proceeded to count them. She took him to the beehive, kicked it over, and told him to count the bees. He'll take a woman's word the next time.

☞A fashionable mamma's advice to a married daughter: "Never take your husband to an evening party; there is nothing that is always so much in the way."

Original.

Snow.

The earth is all covered to-day
With a mantle of radiant show,
That sparkles and shines in the ray
In crystals of glittering snow.

"The beautiful snow" in the trees,
Arraying the branches in white,
Is sporting by day with the breeze,
And safely protecting by night.

How spotless the snow and how pure—
I would that my spirit were so—
Then long as my soul shall endure,
More brightly I'd shine than the snow.

March, 1874. CELESTE.

KEEPING A WOMAN'S STOCKING UP.

How shall a woman fasten the stockings so as not to interfere with the circulation of the blood, or spoil the shape of the le—let us see—of honi soit qui mal y pense. After the careful research, as far as limited facilities would allow, we arise from our humble explorations, and humbly tender the following suggestions: Wear them short, and let the tops bubble over the shoe in the form of a lace, *a la* beer mug. If you have 'em long, put mucilage inside and stick 'em to you. Have them long enough to tie about the waist, and use the top for a pannier. Edge the tops with steel and fasten a loadstone to your corset. Fasten a strap to each stocking, extend them gracefully up each side of the body and attach, with blue ribbons, to the earrings. Pin them in some other article of clothing in the immediate vicinity. Fasten them to a nail and go barefooted. Attach a small balloon to each stocking. Make them out of material that will draw up. If you are thirty-five and unmarried, make a hole near the top of each stocking and button it to your knee cap. These are the methods that suggests themselves to us at present, and of the number some one or more may be deemed worthy of adoption. We have taken a sudden and lively interest in this matter, and shall not rest again until the needed reform is brought about. Women's limbs shall not be hampered, and knotted, and deformed, if we have enough inventive faculty to bring about new and healthful ways of wearing the stockings, and we think we have. We shall continue our investigations into this subject. What the women of this country most need is not suffrage, but symmetry; not rights, but rationality; not a place in legislative halls, but a place to fasten their stockings.

THE LOVED NOT LOST.

All that is dearest and loveliest in those who go first, all that makes it good for our souls to possess such treasures, remains with us, if we love truly, after they are gone. Brothers, sisters, and friends, though they may quit their places and be seen no more, die to us only when, in our inconstancy, we forget them. In its purity, sorrow for the dead is a part of that elegant sentiment of our nature which leads us to sigh at the ruin of the beautiful whenever it may pertain or however it may appeal. The heart of that man is not to be envied who can see the leaves fall and the flowers wither, without some sentiment of regret. The tender interest which every well-regulated mind feels in the frailty of the beautiful, is only a slight tribute of becoming grief and affection. Our sorrow for the dead is this self-same tribute, only deservedly, infinitely better. To have laid a strong affliction down among the dead may be a great sorrow, but is not a great misfortune. The living may change to us, or we to them, but through all time the dead remain the same to our memories. The early lost friend is still the blessed of our youth, a hope not to be withered, a promise not to be broken, a possession wherein there is no disappointment.

DRUNKEN WOMEN.

In one year nine thousand women have been sent to Blackwell's Island for drunkenness! Five women to one man! Yet women seldom think it necessary to sign a pledge or otherwise exert any special influence among their own sex on the subject of intemperance. Everywhere such solicitations are more or less met with the response, "there is no use of being disturbed about us, for women have neither the taste or temptation to become drunkards. Go and labor to save men from the gutters and rum holes that overtake so many."

Imperceptibly as is the tread of evil noiseless has intemperance entered the ranks of women and gathered, not alone the crime-stained and low-lived creature whose haunts are the portals of hell, but proud women and beautiful have answered pleasure's beckoning call, and unwittingly fallen victims to an appetite for strong drink.

Happy homes have been sacrificed, innocent children made paupers, and husbands driven to despair and desperation by this terrible drunkenness among women—alas! among mothers.

EARLY MARRIAGES.—Early marriages are not by any means invariably happy ones, though truth compels us to admit that we know brilliant exceptions. "She stood beside the altar when she was but sixteen. She was in love; her destiny rested on a creature as delicate as herself. She looked lovely as she pronounced the vow. Think of a vow from auburn hair, eyes, and pouting lips, only sixteen years old! She stood beside the wash-tub when her twenty-fifth birthday arrived. The hair, the eyes, the lips were not calculated to excite the heart. Five cross young ones were rolling on the floor; some crying, some breaking things, and one urging the necessity of an immediate supply of the lacteal secretion. She stopped in despair and sat down, and tears trickled down her once plump and ruddy cheeks. Alas, Cora, early marriages are not just the rosy things they look to be. Better enjoy youth at home, and hold lover at proper distance until you have muscle, limb, and heart enough to face a frowning world and family. If your 'Clancy' really cares for you he can wait two or three years, make lots of presents, take you to concerts, and so on until the time comes. Early marriages and early cabbages are tender productions."

☞A very pretty fashion of wearing small ruffs around the throat, with low dresses, is in vogue.

☞A Lakeville girl has got a beau that comes seven nights in the week, and yet she is not happy.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1874.

CONGRESS is a very lively place just now, and Gen. Butler finds it rather of a hot locality in the House.

OUR Legislature has finally passed a Ten Hour law for women and children who work in factories. If the mill owners don't reduce wages to correspond, all right.

SIMMONS has entered into one hundred thousand dollars bonds, and gone into the Boston Custom House. Beacon street at last accounts was quiet as a summer's morn.

SOME two hundred manufacturers have appeared at the State House to convince the Governor that he ought to veto the ten hour bill; but he won't do it, and they will try to defeat it when it comes up for enactment in the Senate.

IF the Grangers West are to realize higher prices for flour and grain through the influenec of the Order, and the Grangers East expect to get their flour and grain cheaper through the same source, by what rule of the Order is the difference reconciled?

THAT smart winter weather we predicted last week has got along, and this week has been one that will do honor to the month of March. It has snowed and blowed, and sifted and drifted, and taking all things together, it has been very uncomfortable weather.

TUESDAY was State election day in New Hampshire, and the conflict was so closely contested that there is probably no choice of Governor by the people. The legislature is claimed to be strongly democratic, which will elect Mr. Weston, the democratic candidate, next June.

NOTWITHSTANDING the decision of the Supreme Court that the women elected to serve on the school committee of Boston are eligible, the city solicitor decides the other way, and they are still denied a seat in that board. Of course there is no use in arguing against such obstinacy.

SPRINGFIELD is borrowing a good deal of trouble about its new water supply to come from Ludlow. It is doubtful whether, with the expenditure of over a million dollars, it will have enough brook fluid to supply the wants of the city in a dry time. It has no concern about the supply of its other drinkables, even in the greatest drouth.

THE Temperance Reformers of Massachusetts ignore the manner resorted to by the women of the West for the suppression of grog-shops, and they will most surely fail. At Worcester, where the campaign has opened, the men and women gather in the churches and public halls and pray *at* the rum-sellers, while out west the crusaders visit the places where liquor is sold and pray *with* the sellers. Our plan will not answer. An engine company would make poor progress in remaining in their engine house and throwing water towards a conflagration. They must go to the fire if they would put it out. So with the Reformers. They must pray and sing down the rum-seller at his place of business, with such praying and singing as will make him feel that the devil is after him. Then there will be a shutting up of rum-shops and the cause will prosper.

EX-PRESIDENT FILLMORE died at his residence in Buffalo, Sunday night, from an attack of paralysis. Mr. Fillmore was born in Summer Hill, N. Y., in 1800. At 19 he commenced the study of law, and at 23 he was admitted to the bar. In 1829 he was elected a member of the State Assembly, and in 1832 he was elected to Congress. At the close of his term he resumed his law practice until 1837, when he was re-elected to Congress. He was also re-elected to the two succeeding terms, but refused to be again run as a candidate. In 1848 he was elected by the Whigs to the office of vice-president of the United States, and in 1850 the death of Gen. Taylor promoted him to the presidential chair; but since the expiration of his term in 1853, he has been living in seclusion from public life at Buffalo, N. Y. His funeral took place on Thursday.

THE death of Charles Sumner will necessitate the election of a successor by the present Legislature. His term would expire March 30, 1875, and the vacancy must be filled on the second Tuesday after official notice of his death has been given the Legislature. Each branch votes *viva voce*, and if there is no choice both branches meet the following day in convention and elect. The vote must be taken each day at 12 o'clock until a Senator is elected. The most prominent man before the people is Henry L. Dawes, who was a competitor for the place when Boutwell was elected. Gen. Butler announces that he will not be a candidate, but he will no doubt be interested in the election. Gov. Bullock of Worcester is favorably mentioned; also Judge Hoar of the same city. It would seem fitting that the honor be conferred upon Mr. Dawes, though the country would be sorry to lose him in the House, where he is making himself useful.

A HEAVY VERDICT.—Robert Harder of Pittsfield has recoved $10,000 damages of the Boston & Albany R. R. for injuries received in driving off an unprotected embankment where the railroad company was erecting a bridge, near Pittsfield.

DEATH OF CHARLES SUMNER.

The Nation has met with another irreparable loss. CHARLES SUMNER is dead! The great statesman, scholar, philanthropist and orator died at Washington Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p. m. For two or three years his health has been seriously impaired, and at times he has been obliged to seek entire rest from public business. Indeed, it is a question whether he ever recovered from the murderous attack of Brooks of South Carolina on the floor of the Senate in May, 1856, when he made the bold attack upon the usurpation of slavery in Kansas.

Mr. Sumner was born in Boston, Jan 6, 1811. He fitted for colige and entered Harvard at the early age of 15, graduating in 1830. He then studied law and was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1834, where his practice soon became unusually large for a lawyer of his age. In 1837 he visited Europe, remaining till 1840. On his return to Boston Mr. Sumner resumed the practice of law, and in 1844-6 published an elaborate edition of Vesey's reports, in 20 volumes, with annotations. In 1850 he was elected to the U. S. Senate, and in 1856 he made his great speech on "The crime against Kansas," which occupied two days in its delivery, and during which Preston S. Brooks made his cowardly and disgraceful attack upon him. He was re-elected to the Senate by an overwhelming vote, and in 1857 he went to Europe for his health, and again in 1858, when for nearly a year and a half he was under severe and painful medical treatment in Paris. In 1859 he returned home and delivered his great speech in the Senate on "The Barbarism of Slavery," and during the Presidential campaign of 1860 he made several stirring speeches. His public life since then is well known, and he has always shown himself to be the champion of the people.

On Tuesday Mr. Sumner went to the Senate Chamber as usual, and appeared to be in good health and spirits; but at two o'clock he complained of acute pain in the region of the heart. He remained writing letters and attending to his business until 3½ o'clock, when he rode to his residence with Hon. Samuel Hooper, remarking that the pain was only temporary and he did not feel it then. Between 9 and 10 o'clock the pain returned, and his physician was called, who administered temporary relief, but soon the pain again returned with more intensity, and more medical aid was called in, and several of the Senator's friends. Toward morning he grew worse and began to lose strength rapidly, and a consultation of physicians was called who decided that he could not live long, and some of his friends were immediately telegraphed for. News of Mr. Sumner's illness spread rapidly through the city, and hundreds of people, white and black, wended their way to his residence. The attendance of the negroes and the interest among them was particularly noticeable. During his suffering Mr. Sumner often expressed the regret that "his book" (referring to his speeches and writings now in course of publication) would never be finished, and this thought seemed to trouble him greatly. About ten minutes before his death he called Judge Hoar and said, "Tell Emerson I love and revere him." Often he said, "I am so tired, this can't last long." At 2.50 on Wednesday afternoon he suddenly threw up his hands, and with a convulsive movement of his muscles, expired. His disease was an ossification of the membrane surrounding the heart.

The funeral services of Mr. Sumner occurred at the Capitol Friday noon. The body was embalmed, and laid in state in the rotunda during the forenoon. The executive buildings were draped in mourning. The services were very simple, and were attended by the President, the heads of departments and members of Congress, in the Senate Chamber. After the services the remains were taken to the railroad depot, followed by a long procession, and sent to Boston by special train. Nearly the entire Massachusetts delegation, with their families, accompanied the funeral cortege to Boston. The train will reach Boston this afternoon, and the remains will lie in state at Faneuil Hall on Sunday. The funeral at Boston will occur on Monday. The Legislature and the city authorities of Boston have taken appropriate action in regard to his death.

WE are sorry to see so much fear exhibited by some of the Republicans of Massachusetts over the turnings and twistings of Gen. Butler. If he sneezes they tremble at once for the safety of the party; if he looks with his squint-eye to the custom-house or Boston post-office they raise a great cry as if the State was to be rent asunder. Be quiet, gentlemen; the Republican party of this State will never surrender to the General unless it partakes of your fright and runs away from its old-fashioned principles.

☞At the works of the United States Cartridge company in Lowell, Friday, as a girl of 15, named Susan Gildee, was putting cartridges into a box, an explosion took place from some unknown cause. She was struck by over 100 shots. Her face and neck were blistered and her hair was partially burned off. Her right hand and her lower extremities were more or less burned. The bullets riddled one of her hose in a straight line so thoroughly that the hose came off itself; but strange to say none of the bullets did more than to penetrate the skin. Some of the windows of the room were blown out, but none of the other occupants of the room received severe injury.

☞The steamship City of New York, which arrived at New York, Sunday, from Havana, put back, when eight or ten miles north of Havana, and landed three Cuban stowaways, who had secreted themselves on board, in order to escape from the Spanish draft. There being a number of Spaniards on board, the captain felt obliged to return with them to prevent proceedings against the ship by the Spanish authorities on its return to Havana.

☞The largest diamond ever imported into this country, weighing in its rough state 30 carats, has just been successfully cut, after five months of labor, and was placed on exhibition in Delmonico's, New York. It lost about 33 per cent. in cutting, and is now valued at about $40,000.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

....Town meeting next Monday.

....Is anybody a candidate for town office?

....Next Tuesday is "St. Patrick's Day in the morning."

....H. H. Perry & Co., have taken the contract for another new house on the park.

....Geo. Robinson and Smith & Co., have each recently put up new and neat gilt signs.

....Mr. Sumner's remains will pass through Palmer on the 3.03 train this afternoon.

....The Hyers Sisters will give a concert at the Cong. vestry in this village Friday evening next week.

....The Sunday School Concert at the 2d Cong. church last Sabbath was well attended, and very pleasant.

....The ice dealers no need to have carted ice last Sunday. The weather has been at work briskly for them ever since.

....Mr. Keeney of Monson takes the ticket agency at this depot in the place of Daniel Holden, who has gone into business at Three Rivers.

....The Charitable Committee made a brief visit to the State Primary School on Tuesday, hardly spending time enough to digest their dinner.

....Dr. Charles Jewett lectures before the Temperance Reform Club next Monday evening, and it is hoped there will be a full house to hear him.

....A man who stood watching the moon the other night solemnly declared that the man's face seen in that orb "is nothing but an old swamp of alder brush."

....The name of the new lodge of Good Templars in Monson has been changed from "Granite" to "Olympus" as there is already a "Granite" lodge in the Eastern part of the State.

....The new depot at Jenksville was dedicated Friday night by a grand ball, the large freight room being tastefully decorated, and used for the dance. A special train from Springfield brought out a good many dancers.

....Hogs butchered on Sunday on Dublin street, causes some of our ladies who are greatly disturbed thereby to wish for the enforcement of the Sunday law. Has Mr. McC——a copy of the Bible or of the Statutes of Mass. handy? They both prohibit Sunday butcheries.

....We are glad to announce to our numerous readers, that Dr. Dupree, the eminent chiropodist, will again visit Palmer on Friday and Saturday March 20th and 21st. This will be good news to those who were unable to see him during his former visit. He is now in Western Mass., where large crowds are visiting him daily.

....The homestead of the late Major Morgan will be sold at public auction on Saturday, the 28th, of March, at 10 A. M., unless previously disposed of at private sale. It is the most desirable property in this village and is estimated at from $15,000 to $20,000. All the personal property belonging to the Major's estate, including household furniture, will be sold at the same time.

....An almost life-size India ink picture of the late Major Morgan has been forwarded by W. T. Hecox of Syracuse, N. Y., to Mrs. Morgan. It was made by a Syracuse artist from a photograph taken a few years ago. The Major is represented sitting in his Shaker arm-chair, in a natural and easy manner. It is a striking likeness, copies of which will be furnished to his friends who may wish for them.

....The Young People's Literary Club of this village went to West Brookfield Tuesday night, and repeated their drama of "Among the Breakers," which was so well received here. The night was stormy and only a small audience greeted them, but the play was well performed and gave good satisfaction, all the parts being well acted, and the few who had ventured out felt that they were well repaid for their trouble.

....There is no better way to commence devotions on Sunday than with a pot of baked beans and a loaf of brown-bread, smoking hot, from the oven of Mr. Cobb's bakery. Everybody can get them there or have them left at their houses bright and early. They will save work on the Sabbath for the women, affording more time to attend to the duties of the day. Just give Mr. Cobb an order and see how smoothly all things will go on Sunday.

....However reluctant the old board of town officers may be to serve another year, it is quite probable that they will be in the field for re-election next Monday. At least two tickets will be run. As yet very little enthusiasm is manifested, and it is likely that more interest will be taken in the appropriations than in the choice of officers. The town report shows that a good deal of money has been expended in roads and bridges the past year, and that between $11,000 and $12,000 has been borrowed. The debt of the town amounts to about $23,000, and there are about $7000 resources to place against the debt.

....Post 16 of the G. A. R. at Springfield, will play at the opera house in that city, during the week commencing April 20th, the new military drama, "The Color Guard." The piece is of a higher order than the old Drummer Boy play, and the cast will be selected with great care. The full armory cornet band, Southland's full orchestra with kettle drums, orchestra bells, etc., the city guard of 50 muskets, a first class glee club, and 50 ladies of the city will aid 150 members of Post 16 in bringing out the piece. The proceeds go to the needy soldiers and the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.

OUR school report this year is quite brief. The committee say that there has been an increased attendance on the part of citizens to the schools in the past year. Yet they recommend that at least $7000 be raised for schools this year, $2000 more than was appropriated last year. The committee have exceeded the appropriation only $31.62. They recommend the establishing of two or three new schools, and the employment of a male teacher in the higher grade of schools in each village the year round, an idea with which the people will not readily agree, inasmuch as *efficient* female teachers are considered much better than men teachers and less expensive.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

Mrs. Jerre Rourke, living near Blanchardville, started for this village Monday morning, and to shorten the distance took the railroad track. When a little west of the Blanchardville crossing, she was walking between the two tracks, when the Albany express came around the curve behind her, and as there was a strong wind blowing at the time, she did not hear the train until it got close upon her, when she suddenly turned, and becoming bewildered stepped in front of the engine, and was almost instantly killed. Her body was brought to this depot, and coroner Calkins called a jury of inquest, who gave a verdict in accordance with the above facts, and exonerated the railroad company from all blame. The deceased was an industrious, hard-working woman and much beloved and respected by all who knew her. She lived in the family of A. V. Blanchard for eleven years, and she has been a faithful and devoted wife for seven years, and her loss will be greatly felt by the husband and two little children that are left desolate.

BRIMFIELD.

C. S. Hitchcock sells at auction next Tuesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., the personal property of the late E. F. Hitchcock, as will be seen by his advertisement on our first page this week.

MONSON.

Town meeting in April. No stir as yet in regard to nominations. G. H. Newton, who has been on the board of assessors for the past two years, says he is not a candidate for re-election. He believes in rotation in office. The Republican's advice to the "Young Men" might be adopted in some respects in our local officers. Such young men as Wilson Tucker, Lester Howe, E. P. Keep, the Bradways in the south west part of the town, and scores of other capable and honorable young men, competent to act in any capacity which the town may require, ought to be put forward more than has been the custom heretofore, and it wouldn't hurt the prosperity of the town to get out of the old ruts just a little by way of variety, if nothing more.——Thomas O'Brien has purchased L. J. Royce's grocery and confectionery stand in Noble's block, and has put in a new and choice selection of dry goods and groceries, and says he will sell at lowest living rates.——The Grangers have ordered their second lot of supplies, and appear well satisfied with the benefits derived. They count this feature of the organization, of great importance to them and seem determined to make their purchases mainly through this channel.

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SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Pursuant to letters missive, an ecclesiastical council was convened at the Congregational church here on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The churches represented were Somers, Ct., Rev. C. H. Gleason, pastor; North Wilbraham, Rev. Mr. Howard, pastor, Marcus F. Beebe, delegate; East Longmeadow, Rev. Mr. Dutton, pastor, Dea. W. O. Vining, delegate; Monson, Rev. C. B. Sumner, pastor, Dea. Rodolphus Homer, delegate, and Rev. Mr. Pettibone. The council was called to order by Rev. Mr. Howard. Rev. Mr. Pettibone was chosen moderator, and Rev. C. B. Sumner scribe. Prayer was offered by the president. The resignation of Rev. E. B. Chamberlain was read, and the votes of both church and society presented, which satisfied the council of the legality of the matter before them. Both pastor, church and society were called upon to make verbal statements to them, if any were desired. A. C. Burleigh, in behalf of the society, was sorry to be obliged to relinquish and give up their pastor, but would do so, as it was his earnest desire to settle in his native town. The council, after a short consultation, came to the usual conclusion, that the relations between Rev. E. B. Chamberlain and the church and society be dissolved and so ordered, and that it take effect April 1st. There was also the usual sympathy expressed for the church here without a shepherd, and cordial recomendation of Rev. Mr. Chamberlain to all the churches as a faithful minister of the gospel. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Howard the council was dissolved.——A. B. Newell's term of high school closed the 13th inst.——J. W. Stimson, an old inhabitant, leaves with his family for Windsor Locks, Ct., this spring.——The auction sale of the livery stock of both Stimson and Day on Tuesday was not quite a full success, as most of the property remains unsold.——R. O. Sessions of Brookfield has sold a quantity of real estate to Wm. H. Barnes.——Rev. D. H. Stoddard of Athol gives a scientific lecture at the Baptist church on Tuesday, the 17th. Subject: "Water."——The Ravine mill is standing like a pillar of salt. How long it remains time determines.——John P. Cady, a worthy citizen, has been dangerously sick with typhoid pneumonia. He is slowly recovering.——Wm. L. Crocker, who has been sick more than two years, is now very low from hemorrhage of the lungs.——The bluebirds that sang so merrily last week are this week among the missing. Not only the bluebirds but all flesh are satisfied that March is having a hearing, and is putting in a strong case.

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TOWN ELECTIONS.

Ludlow—Clerk and treasurer, Benjamin F. Burr; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Samuel White, John Ray, D. C. Jones; assessors, Edward E. Fuller, A. F. Nash, Silas Billings; school committee, Rev. Alfred Noon; road commissioners, Elijah Plumley, Samuel White, Silas Billings; collector, James O. Kendall; constables; J. O. Kendall, C. W. Alden, A. Pool, E. J. Sikes, Richmond Bliss, A. P Chapin, Justus Alden, Albert Fuller. Appropriations—Town expenses, $3500; roads and bridges, $1500; schools, $1800. It was voted to celebrate the town's centenial, Ambrose Clough being appointed chairman of the centenial committee.

Brimfield—Clerk, Henry F. Brown; treasurer, Alfred L. Converse; selectmen, James B. Brown, Fetter A. Parker, Moses H. Barker; school committee, Miss Ellen Shaw for three years; assessors, Darnis Shaw, W. F. Tarbell, Samuel F. Brown. The meeting was adjourned to April 6, when the appropriations will be made.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....Charles Phipps is making extensive improvements upon his newly-purchased property near the Depot.

....The annual report of the school committee will be issued in a few days from the press of Eddy the Printer.

....Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Ruggles left Ware on Wednesday, on the return trip to their home in San Francisco, Cal.

....The Young Ladies' Charitable Society held their fortnightly sociable at the residence of Dr. John Yale on Wednesday evening.

....The entertainment of the Unitarian Social Club on Saturday evening was largely attended at the vestry, and the dramatic portion well rendered.

....Hampden R. A. Chapter of Masons of Palmer visited King Solomon's Chapter, of this town on Thursday evening, returning to Palmer by special train. Grand Lecturer Bowen of Boston, was also present on the occasion.

....Dr. Charles Jewett, whose recent lecture at Music Hall on the subject of Temprance, called out such a large and attentive audience, is expected soon to deliver another on the same topic, the definite time of the lecture not having been fixed, through probably on Monday evening, 23d inst.

....Messrs. S. D. Marsh, W. E. Lewis and H. S. Fairbanks, the committee recently appointed to investigate as to the merits of the Babcock Fire Extinguisher, visited the fire departments of Holyoke, Westfield and Northampton a few days since, and will report the results of their investigation at the adjourned meeting to be held at Music Hall this (Saturday) evening.

....The annual reunion of the members (past and present) of the Ware high school took place at Music Hall on Tuesday evening, about 200 being present, including invited guests. After an hour or more spent in social chat, promenading &c., the popular drama entitled "The Last Loaf" was presented by present members of the school, and its various parts finely rendered. This was followed by a few pleasing charades and tableaux after which refreshments were served, and at a somewhat late hour the Hall was left unoccupied. All present seemed to enjoy themselves, and the Re-union may be regarded as a success.

....Mr. Theodore F. Wurts of Northampton, has recently compiled a small book entitled, "Text Book of Drawing, or Constructions of Geometrical Problems." The author, who is a Civil Engineer, says, "the need of a simple and inexpensive, yet thorough elementary text book of drawing has long been felt, and was appreciated by the writer during his recent charge of the public drawing schools of Northampton and Florence. It is hoped that this need will be in a measure supplied by this little book." Mr. Wurts proposes to furnish this book to schools and classes at the bare cost of publishing, and will give a copy of the problems and methods of construction free of charge, to any drawing school on application.

....The graduating exercises of the high school, occurred at the Unitarian church on Friday evening of last week, according to announcement, and at the hour appointed the church was filled to overflowing with spectators, who thus evinced a deep interest in the prosperity and well-being of the school, as well as a special interest in the members comprising the graduating class. The exercises of the evening consisted of essays, declamations, readings and original dissertations, interspersed with singing under the direction of George G. Hall. The valedictory address was given by Miss Jennie J. Robinson. The other members of the class are Maria L. Snow, Henry P. Perkins, Wm. H. Kelley and Geo. S. Snow, to whom diplomas were presented at the close of the literary exercises by Rev. W. M. Ayres, chairman of the school committee. We have to congratulate Mr. C. E. Garman on the success attending his arduous efforts as principal of the school, as was most clearly shown in the closing exercises on Friday evening as well as in the previous two days' examination. The school has a vacation of four weeks.

☞Twenty New Yorkers have signified their intention of aiding in the foundation of a Mutual Cremation Society, and say that they mean to push the movement with all their power. It will be some time before the burning of the dead will be the rule, or even be allowed in this country, but the careful discussion of its expediency can do no harm.

☞Patrick J. Jackson, one of the three inmates of the Kent County, N. Y. jail, wanted to get out, and accordingly managed to secret a case knife, with which he sawed out the bars of the ventilator, but did not get an opportunity to air himself, as his little game was discovered by the jailer.

☞Jeremiah Driscoll of Newton is under arrest for brutal treatment of his three sisters. His mother is in the Insane Asylum in Taunton through his cruelty.

☞Henry Connors of Montrose, N. J., drank a pint of whiskey and half a gallon of beer within an hour, on a wager with his employer, and died.

☞Over 1000 women in Pittsburg, N. Y., have signed an appeal to both political parties to pronounce unconditionally against the rum traffic.

☞Because a colored girl refused to reciprocate his affections John Fortrede, a German, put a bullet through his head in New York on Saturday.

☞Some Rutland, Vt., hotel keepers closed their bars, the other day, and the women thanked them for it at their public meeting.

☞During a riot in an Italian ball on Sunday night, in Thirtieth street, New York, the police broke the skulls of a man and a woman.

Brief Notes.

—Nothing tells so much on a man as a gossiping wife.

—Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia is to make a tour of the world soon.

—Grand Lodge of I. O. G. T. in this State meets in Boston next week.

—The California Legislature has passed a bill admitting women to educational offices.

—Richmond sets up for a rival of Boston because she has 200 pretty widows and 1400 pretty girls.

—Chicago has 2000 counterfeit nickels in circulation. They are just as good for Chicago people as any other.

—Parasols will be very cheap this Summer, but at least fifteen are required for a decent outfit.

—The Turkish Government has ordered a new iron-clad in England, to cost £120,000. She will carry a powerful ram.

—Over sixteen thousand Hindoos have petitioned the English Victoria to prohibit the liquor traffic.

—Rev. C. Woodworth of Boston will deliver the Memorial Day addresss at Springfield and Amherst May 30th.

—On Monday the steeple of the Danville, V., Methodist church fell, crushing in the roof. Loss $5000.

—A Georgian clergyman has thirty-two children, and his parishioners object to his having four pews without paying for them.

—A spinning mill at Dundee, Scotland, was burned Monday night. Loss $100,000. Seven hundred people are thrown out of employment.

—The Cresent Lodge of Good Templars in Springfield celebrate their second anniversary next Friday evening. The membership is over 325.

A TERRIBLE VOYAGE.—The steamship Scandinavian from Liverpool experienced a most fearful passage on her last trip over. She left Liverpool on the 9th of February, with 42 cabin and a large number of steerage passengers. The day was pleasant, and the weather continued so till the 23d, when a gale set in, and on the 26th a furious cyclone burst upon them with terrible force. The captain and executive officer were both knocked senseless, and the second officer took command. The waves broke in on every side, throwing tons of water on the deck, and the sea was white with foam. This continued until the 1st of March, when the sun was seen for an hour, and on the 2d a field of icebergs were encountered, and after that only ordinary rough weather was met with. During the terrible storm one of the passengers, Lieut. Silsby, a young and highly educated English officer, of excellent family, committed suicide by placing a derringer at his side, as he lay in his berth, and shooting himself through the heart. He had been somewhat dissipated, and was doubtless affected by the fearful storm. During the storm the captain was constantly on deck, and at one time for four days together was there, giving courage to his men and the passengers.

EXTRAORDINARY SHOOTING.—The village of Wallingford, Conn., was thrown into great excitement Saturday, by an extraordinary attempt at wholesale murder. A young Swede named John Anderson had been discharged from the Wallingford wheel works, and became desperate. He went to New Haven, procured two revolvers and a large supply of cartridges, and on returning to the village, rushed into the factory where he was formerly employed, with a revolver in each hand he commenced firing at everyone he met. Supposing he had killed at least two persons, he then made two attempts at suicide, the last one proving successful. One of his victims will undoubtedly die, but the rest of the twelve fired at are not seriously wounded.

MURDER IN BRADFORD.—A man called Timrock was murdered in Bradford, Monday afternoon, by a man named Michael Haggerty, who stabbed him three times, once to the heart. The murderer was arrested and taken to Haverhill. He is an Irishman, 30 years old, and a stranger in the place. He says he was in search of work, and never saw Timrock till just before the murder, and struck him only in self-defence. Haggerty was intoxicated at the time of the murder, and when arrested made no resistance.

☞Joseph Cooper, a New York colored cook, jealous of his wife, on Sunday took a dose of laudanum and then put a bullet through his ear, mouth, and the back of his head. He had returned from a sea voyage to find that his wife had drawn all his money and withdrawn her affections.

☞L. M. Hale, Chief of Police of Vicksburg, has been arrested, charged with blackmailing gamblers. Two witnesses swear they paid him $1000 not to interfere with their faro game. He is held for trial in $5000

☞Four of the most desperate characters in the State Prison, among whom was the notorious "Shaver Good," were detected on Sunday afternoon in an attempt to escape from the prison.

☞Adolph Rommens of Louisville, who had $150,000 insurance of his life, chiefly in Eastern companies, has died, and suspicions of fraud are entertained. An investigation is in progress.

☞A monster in Detroit named W. T. Underwood, hailing from Cleveland, O., last Friday evening murdered a young lady because she refused to marry the fiend.

☞The race horse Jupiter, worth $10,000 dropped dead while being driven by his owner Lewis Pettice, Sunday. Not long ago he lost the trotter Lady Emma, valued at $30,000.

☞Brooklyn, N. Y., is the possessor of over two thousand lawyers.

☞Judge John T. Brown was so remorseful, or frightened at the certainty of being exposed as a defaulter in Alton, that he killed himself.

☞The mother of the Turkish Sultan has ordered at her own expense sixty rifled six-pounders, with iron carriages and caissions, for the Turkish artillery service.

☞An enormous amount of snow has fallen in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. Passenger trains cannot move, and freight trains have been abandoned for the present.

☞Rice county, Kansas, which about two years ago was a fertile desert, has nearly 5,000 inhabitants, refuses to vote bonds, and won't allow a rumseller within its borders.

☞The bust of a sleeping girl, molded in butter, by Mrs. Caroline S. Brooks, a farmer's wife, in Arkansas, now on exhibition in Cincinnati, is a marvel of artistic execution and beauty.

☞There are said to be two or three thousand outlaws in the mountains of California, who live by robbery and violence. They are quite secure from arrest in their mountain fastnesses.

☞A Mechanic Falls, Me., United States marshal has seized quite a number of Canada machines, which are said to be infringements on the Singer Manufacturing Company's letters patent.

☞A colored man in New Orleans has just recovered damages and expenses incurred by him in the rescue of his daughter from slavery, to which she was reduced in 1861, after having been emancipated.

☞The Governor of Virginia has pardoned a convict upon the singular condition of total abstineuce from the use of spirituous liquors and intoxicating drinks of any kind for the space of three years.

☞A New Haven man has invented a grate in which, when shaking down the ashes in a stove, furnace or range, only every other bar in the grate revolves, thus keeping the body of coal intact while it relieves the fire of ashes.

☞Those eminently practical, unpoetical gentlemen connected with the New York Custom House have seriously embarrassed an expectant bride and her indulgent papa by seizing a wedding outfit made by Worth, and worth $2500.

☞John W. Cole, the Postmaster of Danville, Va., has confessed to embezzling public funds, and was sentenced to six month's imprisonment. The jury were unable to agree and were discharged, but the prisoner acknowledged his guilt.

☞John Clark, his wife and an infant a few days old, who were turned out of doors in New York by an unfeeling landlord, were discovered in the outskirts of Freehold, N. J., in a starving and frozen condition. The wife has died. She was found lying on a decayed mattress with no covering.

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BORN.

At Monson, 8th, a daughter to WILLIAM H. ROGERS, and granddaughter to Ariel Rogers.

At Warren, 12th ult., a daughter to L. E. TRUESDELL.

DIED.

At Palmer, 9th, ELIZA ROURKE, 29.

At Wilbraham, 5th, Mrs. EMELINE C. WARNER, widow of Samuel Warner.

At Ludlow, 10th, ETTA E., 8 months and 10 days, daughter of E. E. and D. J. Fuller.

At South Belchertown, 6th, LOUISA P., 50, wife of Liberty Jenks.

At Medina, Ohio, 7th, OLNEY BRADWAY, 67, formerly of Monson.

LOST!

A Squirrel Cape Fur between Monson and Wales. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office.

Palmer, March 7th, 1874. 1w2*

FARM FOR SALE, in South Monson, for $750, containing 100 acres of land, suitably divided into mowing, tillage and pasturage, a large number of acres of sprout land, a large orchard of good fruit, and a good sized house and large barn.

2w2 ALFRED NORCROSS, Monson, Mass.

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The undersigned will sell at public auction on the premises, on

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at ten o'clock a. m., unless disposed of at private sale before said time, the valuable homestead of the late Franklin Morgan, situated in the village of Palmer, directly opposite the depot of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

Upon the estate is a large, well built and conveniently arranged dwelling house in good repair, with barn and suitable outbuildings attached.

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Executors of the will of Franklin Morgan.

Springfield, March, 12, 1874. 5w2

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Palmer, March 9, 1874. 2w2

NOTICE.—By the decease of Calvin W. Hastings, late of Palmer, county of Hampden, Massachusetts, the firm of C. W. Hastings & Co. was dissolved Feb. 28th, 1874. All bills of the late firm will be settled by the undersigned. All persons indebted to the late firm are called upon to make payment on or before April 1, 1874.

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E. G. HASTINGS.

March 11th, 1874. 3w2

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of Calvin W. Hastings, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to.

H. E. W. CLARK,
MARY F. HASTINGS, } Adm'rs.

Palmer, March 10, 1874. 3w2

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of Edwin F. Hitchcock, late of Brimfield, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

CALVIN W. BROWN,
ELLA G. HITCHCOCK, } Adm'rs.

Brimfield, March 10, 1874. 4w4

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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSASHUSETTS.
HAMPDEN SS.—To Jason A. Palmer, Constable of the town of Palmer, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Palmer on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to presido at said meeting.

Art. 2. To determine the number of selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, school committee, and constables the town will choose for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To act upon the report of the school committee, selectmen, overseers of the poor, and other town officers.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see if the town will raise any money to reduce the debt of the town.

Art. 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Art. 9. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will make any by-laws and regulations to prevent the pasturing of cattle and other animals upon the streets and highways of the town.

Art. 11. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Art. 12. To see if the town will build one or more tombs in town and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 13. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 14. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to choose a truant committee for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to put up guide-boards in all places where they are required by law.

Art. 17. To see what by-laws the town will enact concerning truant children and act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to refund to the heirs of the late Benjamin A. Burleigh any portion of the taxes which have been improperly assessed against them, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see what action, if any, the town will take in relation to filling or raising the road lying between the Merrick bridge and the house of Elisha Warner, to prevent its being flowed in times of high water.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to shingle the Town House and build a fence between the Town House lot and land of J. K. Ferrill, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 21. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received under the will of Calvin Thompson.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take to provide a lock-up and tramp room.

Art. 23. To see if the town will accept two certain town-ways as layed out by the selectmen in the Depot Village of Palmer, as follows: One from Bridge street south-easterly about eight rods to land of the Boston and Albany Railroad company, being a continuation of Pleasant street; and one from Thorndike street north-westerly about twenty-six rods to Knox street, just south-westerly of the houses of John Foster and Jason A. Palmer.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take to collect the money due the town from George A. King, collector for the year 1871.

The names of selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors, school committee, and constables, who are voted for, must be all on one ballot, town clerk and treasurer on a separate ballot. And you are hereby requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in a newspaper called the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting, Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D. 1874.

ELIJAH G. MURDOCK,
PARKER W. WEBSTER,
TIMOTHY D. POTTER, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy. Attest: J. A. PALMER, Constable.

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Insurance can be effected at this office, in large or small amounts, at TARIFF RATES.

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Palmer, Feb. 17, 1874. 5w51

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NOTICE.—TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Whereas my wife, Maryetto Smith, has by her threatenings and slanderous tongue driven me to seek a more quiet and congenial home, this is to forbid all persons trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

GEO. W. SMITH.

Wales, Feb. 23d, 1874. 3w52*

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CHEAP AS THE CHEAPEST!
At E. L. DAVIS', 57 Main Street. 4w1

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of John White late of Wales, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

DAVID B. BELCHER, Adm'r.

Monson, March 4, 1874. 3w1

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Otis Bradford, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Monson, March 4, 1874. 3w1

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A house, barn and 1½ acres of land, with fruit, and water by aqueduct, in the thriving village of Three Rivers, worthy of immediate attention. For further particulars call on the subscriber, living on the premises.

GEO. MIXTER.

March, 4, 1874. 2w1*

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8th.—We so systematize labor as to reduce the expense of selling goods to the lowest possible per centage.

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We are bound to clean out this entire stock of heavy goods to make room for our spring goods, which are now ordered direct from the manufacturers, to be delivered March 1st. This means business, Ladies and Gentlemen. The goods are going, WAY, WAY DOWN, for the CASH WE ARE AFTER.

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HE INVITES AN EARLY CALL.

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Purchase Boots and Shoes that wear,

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GILL & HAYES

Have been very busy about the disposal of their pictures for their late "Art Union," and would thank every person who holds tickets to present them and get the pictures they draw.

WE HAVE AN ENDLESS STOCK OF
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BLANK BOOK AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOK LINE,
AND ALWAYS INVITE YOUR ATTENTION.

Yours Respectfully,
GILL & HAYES,
260 Main and 8 & 10 Hampden Sts.,
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THIS is to certify that, whereas my husband, George, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on my account, as I shall pay no more bills of his contracting.

MARIETTE SMITH.

Wales, March 3d, 1874. 2w1*

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CLOTHING!

A SPECIALTY, AND BY SO DOING HAVE BEEN ENABLED TO SELL OUR CUSTOMERS MANY KINDS OF GARMENTS FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF THE CLOTH AND TRIMMINGS.

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MANY, NO DOUBT, HAVE SEEN JOB LOTS ADVERTISED AND DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS MEANT BY THEM, AND HAVE BEEN STILL MORE CONFUSED WHEN THOSE WHOSE INTEREST IT IS TO MISREPRESENT US AND MISLEAD THEM HAVE TOLD THEM THEY WERE OLD STYE, SHOP-WORN AND UNDESIRABLE GOODS.

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THE FACT IS, THERE IS NOT A GARMENT IN THE JOB LOTS ADVERTISED BY US THAT IS EITHER OLD STYLE, SHOP-WORN OR UNDESIRABLE.

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At the end of the season the Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers close out all Coats, Pants and Vests (when there are only a few garments in each lot left or when there are not a full line of sizes) at a large discount from the regular price. Lots closed out in this way are called Job Lots!

We have recently bought over **1300** (thirteen hundred) garments in this way, and we now offer them at PRICES LOWER THAN EVER known before.

An opportunity for purchasing Clothing for the very low prices it is now offered at by us, seldom occurs, and may not again for years. New goods cannot be produced and sold within 50 per cent. of prices we have marked these goods to be sold for.

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Palmer, Feb., 1874. 1y51

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CHESTER W. CHAPIN,
JAMES A. RUMRILL, } Executors.

WEDDING CARDS Neatly Printed at this office.

A Granger's Serenade.

Oh, come, my love, and live with me,
And keep my cottage in the glen—
As patient as a humble bee,
As busy as a setting hen.

Oh, rest beneath my fragrant bower,
Where sweet stramonium doth entwine,
Come, smell the gentle cauliflower,
And cull the mangel-wurtzel vine.

Ah! listen to the rural songs!
The pea shall wind his magic shell
As Echo plaintively prolongs
The warble of the pimpernel.

Beyond the vermicelli row
I hear the bull frogs sigh again—
The cackle of the Durham ewe—
The bellow of the Berkshire hen.

Oh, come, love, come! the morn is fair,
I'll celebrate the day with thee;
I'll merrily dig the Bartlett pear,
And shake the ruta-baga tree.

My sweetest, I am fond of mush,
And thou wilt set some out for me;
We'll early sow the currant bush,
And tap the cranberry jelly tree.

We'll pull the wool from off the calf,
The cottonwood its fleece shall shed;
So at the winter we will laugh,
And gaily weed the oyster bed.

We'll blithely hoe the winter wheat,
We'll chase the eggs the squirrels lay,
And when the bantam hog shall bleat,
We'll feed him with some clover hay.

Then, come, my love, and live with me,
And beautify my lonely den,
As patient as a humble bee,
And busy as a setting hen.

—*N. Y. Tribune.*

☞C. F. Hardon of New York was put off the Shore Line express to New York recently, at Bridgeport, Conn., conductor Parker refusing to accept a through ticket because it had been given "from New York to Boston." He gave notice that he should sue the company and went on to New York on the next train.

☞A pair of San Francisco fools recently chartered a tug and steamed outside the bar, with the romantic intention of having the wedding ceremony performed on the bounding billow. It is comforting to know that they were very sea sick, and were obliged to return unmarried.

☞In this world there is one godlike thing, the essence of all that ever was or ever will be of godlike in this world—the veneration done to human worth by the hearts of men,

☞The reputation of a man is like his shadow; it sometimes follows and sometimes precedes him; it is sometimes longer and sometimes shorter than his natural size.

☞The Illinois grangers go so far in their co-operation as to dig each other's graves. Their enemies complain that they don't dig them half fast enough.

☞Never make a promise, unless you are sure you have both the will and power to fulfill them. A broken promise is a lie in the sight of God and man.

☞A row among the negroes at a distillery near Platt City, Mo., Saturday night, resulted in the killing of one man and the fatal wounding of several.

☞Formerly, when great fortunes were only made in war, war was a business; but now, when great fortunes are only made by business, business is war.

☞The beauty of all worldly things is but as a fair picture drawn upon the ice, that melts away with it. The fashion of this world passeth away.

☞Govenor Allen of Ohio, with a commendable antipathy to deadheadism, refuses to accept any free passes.

☞The bread of life is love; the salt of life is work; the sweetness of life, poetry; the water of life, faith.

☞"If you are courting a girl," says a California paper, "stick to her, no matter how large her father's feet are."

☞Here is the newest floral sentiment: "If you wish for heart's ease, don't look to marigold."

MESSRS. CUTLER BROS. & CO.

In ordering another small lot of your valuable

VEGETABLE PULMONARY BALSAM

I should like to tell you what I know about it, in order that others may have the benefit of my

EXPERIENCE.

Since this Balsam first came to my notice in 1848 I kept it *constantly* in the house, never allowing myself to be out of it *over night*. In all these

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

it has not failed in a *single* instance in my own case to give the desired *relief*; and I will say the same in regard to my *mother*, whose

LIFE WAS SAVED

by it, as I cannot but think. Hers was a case of *Congestion of the Lungs*, and although attended by a most skillful physician, she seemed to fail constantly, so that we despaired of her recovery, when an old friend and neighbor persuaded her to try this Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam. The result was most gratifying, I assure you.

RELIEF WAS IMMEDIATE

and recovery rapid. She is now over 82 years old, and is active and well. Whenever she gets a severe cold, which happens once in awhile, she takes thirty to sixty drops, according to the violence of the cough, which has always yielded in a day or two by taking the Balsam only on retiring at night. With it the

IRRITATION

is at once subdued, and a good night's sleep secured. I will mention another case, that of a young lady acquaintance, who

BLED AT THE LUNGS

and *coughed frightfully*, had night sweats and was fearfully reduced. She left Boston for her country home, 150 miles away, as we supposed to die. I sent her a bottle of your Balsam, and soon had the satisfaction to hear that she was much better. She continued taking it for awhile and got

ENTIRELY WELL,

and is living now, which fact is to be ascribed mainly to the use of the VEGETABLE PULMONARY BALSAM. Very truly yours,

JOHN CAPEN, No. 5 Worcester Square.

Boston, March 14, 1873.

Price in large bottles, which are much the cheapest, $1. Small bottles, old style, 50 cents.

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Palmer, Dec. 373.

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JAS G. ALLEN, Agent.

Palmer, Jan. 1st, 1873. 1y44

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GOODS MUST BE SOLD.

Having fully decided to return to Europe the coming season, I am determined to close out my entire stock at some price. I wish in the first place to call your attention to the fact that I am not offering old or auction goods, but the latest styles, and selected with great care for my trade. I shall sell

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The following lot of goods, consisting of a very large large lot of Black and Fancy Silks, Irish and French Poplins, Epenglines, Cashmeres, Thibets, Empress, Black Alpacas, Brilliantines, Silk Velveteens, a very large line of Cloaks and Furs, a great variety of Shawls, Paisley, Striped, Plaid and Mixed. Also a good line of Table Linen and Bedspreads.

Being obliged to close up my business preparatory to going to Europe, to those buying for cash

I ask simply to see my Goods and Prices,

Before going to Springfield or Boston, as such an opportunity will never come within your reach again. I wish to make this sale as near Cash as possible, and in order to do so my prices will be a satisfactory inducement to parties to raise the cash.

This sale will continue till the whole stock is closed out.

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The Spelling-Bee.

Our school-house at the cross-roads is all ablaze with light;
The battle of the spelling class is settled for to-night;
A challenge to our neighbor school was sent a month ago,
And gallantly accepted when should come the first deep snow.

For in the broad free country the snow is hailed with joy;
Then breaks the pathway to the school the boisterous farmer boy,
While tripping at his lordly heels the giggling girls appear,
And cast a snow-ball now and then, to say, "John, we are here."

And now from all the compass points, the four wide severed roads,
Come horses in their clouds of steam, with happy human loads;
The drivers hold their prancers in just at the school house door,
And from each double sleigh roll out a dozen girls or more.

Then come the masters, grave and slow, but venturing oft a smile;
Hats, furs and cloaks are quick bestowed—much babbling all the while;
Then, "order" called, the laughing girls off to the right are sent;
The boys are faced about to left, not overmuch content.

And now the struggle comes indeed; the masters fling around
Words Goldsmith named—of mighty length, and eke a thundering sound;
Long Greek derivatives they give, seven syllables or more,
And crabbed Indian names come out, like old Niagara's roar.

Ere long a boy, the master's pride, and never yet at fault,
In the middle of an ugly word comes suddenly to a halt,
Misses, and marches to his seat; "Why, Tom, you did not try."
"I did; but Sally Wilson, there, kept looking in my eye."

The well-contested fight keeps up till the hour of one;
The masters whisper; it is late; we'll call the battle drawn;
And try the fight some other night; now, boys and girls, away,
And all of you be snug in bed before the break of day.

Now homeward at a rattling pace, across the shrieking snow,
The singing, laughing, shouting loads their several courses go,
And loud "good nights," and "pleasant dreams," and bits of homely song
Make echo in the leafless woods as the riders rush along.

Home reached, a rousing fire they find, and mother bustling round;
Dry stockings for young chilly feet must speedily be found;
And other thoughts were busy in that dear old mother's head—
She will hear about the spelling-bee before she goes to bed.

Oh, homely joys of country life, in days when I was young!
By many bards of worthier need your pleasures have been sung;
I do not speak in prosody set down by line and rule—
I only call to mind once more the country spelling-school.

THE STORY OF A KISS.

"You wished to see me, Doctor?"

"I did, Miss Dallas, and upon a very serious matter. Pardon me, if I appear to be meddling with your secrets; I do it only to save a fellow-creature's life."

The young woman's face flushed during the remarks, but paled when he spoke so gravely. He continued;

"Three weeks ago I was called to the bedside of Harry Gilman, and found him prostrated with brain fever. I saw at the outset that skill and care might bring him through. From that day until this I have been almost constant in my attendance upon him; battled with the disease inch by inch; and striven with what skill I had at command to save him.

"Early in my attendance I saw there was some dreadful disappointment beneath his malady, if not the cause of his prostration. In the hours that his mind wandered, your name was constantly on his tongue. His sister told me, in answer to my question, that Harry was deeply and truly in love with you, but that an estrangement has come between you lately, and I think this blow has been the one that brought him under my care. To-night the crisis in his disease will be reached, and to-night will answer our questions as to whether he will live or die. Without any help but such as I can render, he may be saved; but a man's life is too great a jewel to trifle with, and we feel if you would but help we could surely save him. Will you consent to assist us?"

"What could I do?" she asked.

"The plan I have marked out in my mind," said he, "is simply this. About midnight he will arouse from his present stupor, and in the next ten minutes his fate will be decided. The main point will be to have him make an effort for his own life. Should he try to live, his chances will be among the best; should he make no effort, we might with stimulants carry him beyond danger; but if at that moment he recalls the past, and despondently sinks under it, no power under heaven but you can save him."

"And what would you have me do?"

"Just this, Miss Dallas; if, when he awakens, he is hopeful and remembers nothing of his disappointment, we will not need you at all. But should he begin to sink, the sight of you would save him."

"But how?"

"We could pretend you had recalled your decision of a few weeks ago."

"Oh, that would be horrible! I could never do that."

"Not to save a man's life?" he asked solemnly.

"He would not thank me for saving his life by such a mockery," she said. "Why, I might have to say that I love him, might I not?"

"Yes."

"Oh, I could not do it!"

"Not even to save his life?"

"You said that before," she said, "but not even for that could I do this thing. Harry and I have ever been dear friends. I never fancied that he could love me until he surprised me by his avowal, and then I told him it could not be. How could I stand at his bedside now and say that I loved him? No, no, it cannot be. Think of some other plan."

"I may not have to ask you to do this thing that you dislike so much, unless in the contingency I spoke of. I will not say to you what you *ought* to do, my dear young lady, but I promise you, if I am compelled to ask your assistance, I will explain the whole matter to Harry, just as it is, and give him a correct report and understanding of your part in it."

"But could I ever meet him again?"

"It will be no harder than it is now. And I have no doubt Harry will leave the place if he recovers."

"I would be glad to help you, Doctor, but this would seem like profanity to me."

"It is to save a fellow-creature's life, and be all the blame on me."

"I wish I could do it, but what an awful thing it is for a girl to do."

"I can appreciate your hesitation, and yet, if you were my daughter, I would say it was your duty to do it."

"Thank you for saying that, Doctor; it decides me. I will do what you ask."

"Thanks; I will call for you this evening, and explain your part to you."

Later in the night there gathered around the bed of the sick man his mother and sisters, the doctor and Kate Dallas. The doctor had explained to the others the part he had persuaded Kate to act, if it should be necessary, and they had thanked her often for consenting. They sat near each other; the mother and sisters wondering in their own hearts that any girl could know their Harry and not love him, but yet they are women enough to know that love cannot be forced or reasoned.

"How is he now Doctor?" the mother whispers.

"There is no change," replied the doctor. They awaited the slow turnings of another hour, and then the sleeper makes some movements with his lips, and the doctor bending over catches the word "Kate," but he does not tell it to the others. By and by there is another movement, and the doctor beckons them out of the room.

"In a quarter of an hour more he will awaken," he says. "You, Mrs. Gilman and Ruth will stand near me and be ready to catch the first question he asks and answer it. Miss Dallas, you will stand at the door and come if I speak to you, and act as I have told you before. If we are prompt and careful, and God wills it, we will save his life."

The mother and sisters step softly back to the bedside, and the doctor, reading the tremor in Kate's eyes, waited to speak with her.

"You will not have to say a word, Miss Dallas. I will play a tyrannical doctor to perfection and save you, as well as quiet any apprehensions that come to his mind. God bless you."

It was no common case with Dr. Brown, this attendance on Harry Gilman. When he came to Melville a poor, unknown graduate, seeking to establish himself and earn his daily bread, it was Harry Gilman's father who had been the first to trust him, the first to say a kind word to him, the one who had taken him to his own fireside and made him feel he was in the house of a friend, the one who honored him with his friendship in all the succeeding years. Dr. Brown was now, with skill and care, repaying to the son the debt he owed the father, and he could not have done more for his own child. As he looked into the face of Kate Dallas, he could but feel it was a terrible experiment he was about to make in two lives but he brushed the thought aside, and returned to his patient.

There were the premonitory symptoms of awakening on the part of the sick man, and the hearts of the women around him seemed almost bursting with suspense and anxiety. At last the eyes opened; the wild look in them soon gave way to one of recognition, and the the lips freely uttered:

"Mother."

She could not speak; her heart was much too full for words, but she bent over and kissed him.

"Have I been here long?"

"Not a great while," said the cheery voice of the doctor, "but plenty long enough. Here, take a drop of this," and he gave him some stimulating drops.

"Have I been very sick?"

"You have been pretty sick, my boy, but you must not talk. Turn over and go to sleep again, and you can talk as long as you wish, to-morrow."

"Ist that Ruth?"

"Yes, Harry."

"Tell Kate——"

"Nonsense," broke in the doctor; "take a little more of this and go to sleep without another word," but be turned to Kate, and his eyes said, "it will have to be done."

She tried to still the beating of her heart, but she had no fear for herself.

"Tell Kate"—Harry started again, but the doctor—after a quieting draught was administered—said:

"Why don't you tell her yourself?"

"Who? is she here?" he asked excitedly, but the doctor caught his hand quietly, saying, "Don't get excited, Harry, but listen; obey me exactly, and all will be well. Miss Dallas and you have had some stimulating, but you have fancied it to be much more serious than it really was. She is here now to see after you; she wants you to get well and if you obey me you will."

The sick man's eyes opened wider and wider as his physician proceeded, and when he said, "Miss Dallas is now here," he would have raised himself, but the doctor was watching, and prevented his making more than his first effort. He turned to Kate, and in answer to his look, she came close to his bedside.

"My orders, said the doctor, "are that you may look at Miss Dallas a moment but you must not speak, and then she and your own people must leave the room."

Kate's face was almost deathly white, as she turned toward Harry.

"Kate, oh Kate!" cried he, with the most supreme happiness written in his face.

"There, there!" said the doctor, "you disobey me already. Clear out of the room, you women, at once."

"No," said Harry, "Stop a minute! Kate will you kiss me?"

"Yes," she said, and she pressed her lips to his face.

"You may go now," he said, and he took the draught the doctor offered him, turned to the wall with sweet contentment written on his face, and in a few moments the doctor's practiced ear told him his patient was asleep.

He walked out where the women were awaiting him, took Kate's hand in his, and said, "You have saved his life."

"Thank God!" came swelling up from the mother'sheart.

From this point Harry's recovery was rapid.

His frequent inquiries for Kate were parried until the hour came when Dr. Brown felt the story had best be told. There was no danger to be feared for Harry, while something might possibly happen to annoy Kate; so he set about unfolding the stratagem. Harry listened attentively, turning red and pale by turns, but he spoke no word until the story was finished.

"Have you seen Kate since that night?" Harry asked quietly.

"I saw her but once, and then only for a moment. The poor girl's nerves underwent a terrible strain that night, and I called to help her."

"Doctor, I want to ask you one question. Do you think I can ever have any hope of winning her love?"

"To be frank with you, my dear boy, I do not think you ever can. I have given you a careful account of what passed between us at our interview, and to me, her manner showed that you had no part in her heart."

"Yet mother says she has sent over daily to inquire for me."

"Yes, but it was at my suggestion, until I had told you the story."

"Doctor, I am, so far as you can tell, in my right mind; am I not?"

"Certainly you are."

"The fever has all gone?"

"Of course it has; what are you driving at?"

"Just this," said he, with a despairing bitterness, "I wish to heaven you had let me die."

"Why, Harry?"

"I mean it. You ought to have let me die."

"My boy, you are too young to talk like this. There is more in life than just loving or being loved. You have your mother and sisters, if you care nothing for yourself."

"Well, let it go. As I am alive I must make the best of it. I thank you just as much as if life was dear to me. When can I drive out?"

"To-morrow, if you choose. Where do you want to go?"

"To see Kate Dallas."

"Not to worry her, Harry?"

"No, to thank her, and then withdraw from her presence forever."

"Can I help you?"

"No, except to let me visit her without announcing that I am coming."

"It shall be as you wish."

The next day he was driven to the house of Kate Dallas, and as he sat in the parlor awaiting her appearance, his thin white lips seemed to move as if he was rehearsing his part.

"I am glad to see you out again, Harry," she said as she came toward him, but though her voice was sprightly, her face was fully as pale as his.

"Thank you, Kate, this is my first call; Dr. Brown consented to my ride to-day."

Her eyes tried to read in his if the doctor had told the story, but she said:

"I hope you will soon be out of the doctor's hands."

"I learned from Dr. Brown only last evening," he went on, as if determined to say at once what he had come to say, "of what you had consented to do for him during my sickness. I ought to thank you, perhaps, for saving my life. I do thank you heartily for all that you did, and all the more because I know it was a terrible task for you. He told me the complete history of his plan, and while I wish it had never been thought of, I cannot but see how great a sacrifice you made for me, and I thank you for it."

She had covered her face with her hands, as soon as he began, and still kept them there. He waited a moment, as if to give her an opportunity to speak, but she remained silent.

"I have come," he resumed, "not to thank you only, but also to say 'Good-bye.'" She uncovered her face at this, and her eyes filled with anxiety—he went on: "In a few days I will leave Melville forever, but if—no matter where I am—the day shall come when I can be of help or assistance to you, you will remember that I owe my life to you, and"—he almost broke down here—"all that I am or have will be at your service."

She had covered her face again, and had he looked closely he might have seen tears forcing their way between her fingers, but his eyes were on the carpet, where they had been all the time.

"I am sorry," he continued, "more sorry than I can tell you, that I have ever been the cause of annoyance to you, or have ever brought aught of sadness into your life, but you have beautiful days yet in store for you, wherein these will be forgotten, and I hope you will think of me, if at all, as one who would rejoice in your happiness and be happy in your joy."

He waited a moment, as if hoping she would say a word, but the tears were falling from her eyes thick and fast, and her tongue refused to speak.

Finding that she did not intend to break the silence, he arose to take his departure, and then, for the first time, saw her tears.

"Good-bye, Kate," he said, and moved toward her.

Her answer was a sob.

"It is my lot," he said, "to bring your life unpleasant experiences, when my dearest wish would be to bring you joy. I shall never be a cloud on your horizon again, so once more, good bye."

She turned her face from him, and said between her sobs, "I don't want—to drive you—from your—home."

"Let that give you no pain," he said, tenderly; "I could not live here now."

"But it is I who am driving you away," she said.

"No, you must not take that blame," said he. "I should never have supposed you could love me, but let that go, now. Good-bye."

"Don't go," was her answer.

"I must. I could not live here and see you the wife of some one else."

"Don't go," she repeated.

"Yes," she said, and she pressed her lips to his face.

Heaven! Could he believe his own heart! Could it be possible that she loved him! His eyes were filled with light and hope again, and with one step he was beside her. "Kate," said he, "am I coming from death once more to life? Can you love me? Do you love me? Ask me to stay but once again! I am yours for life or death if you love me. What shall it be, darling, shall I go or stay?"

"Don't go," was all she said.

☞A friend of ours is the most absent minded man we know of. We made an engagement to meet him on Tuesday afternoon. "All right," said he. Shortly afterward he came rushing in with, "My dear Horace, you'll have to excuse me; I've a prior engagement. Fact is, I'm going to be married Tuesday; forget it completely."

JOSH BILLINGS ON "DISPEPSHE."

I hav been a praktikal dispeptix for 27 years and four months, and it would hav been munny in mi pockit if i had been born without enny stummuck.

I hav prayed upward of one thousand times to be holler inside like an ostrich or a traveling colporter.

I hav seen traveling colporters who could eat az much az a goose.

I hav seen a goose eat till he couldent stand up enny more, and then set down and eat sum and then lay down and eat sum, and then roll over and eat sum more.

I hav tried living on filtered water, and going barefoot for the dispepshe, and that didn't hit the spot.

I hav soked at water cure establishments until I was so limber that I kouldn't git my self bak again inside of mi Baldwin apparrel.

I bought a saddle-hoss once, who was got up expressly to kure the dispepshe—he waz warranted to kure the diseaze in 90 days, or kill the horse.

He waz warranted to trot harder than a trip-hammer, pull wusser on the bits, stumble safer down hill than enuy other hoss on the futtstool.

I rode the hoss until i waz all ov a jelly, and then sold bridle and all for sixty-eight dollars, and got sued by the purchaser, and had to pay him 90 dollars and sum sents damage, bekause the hoss had the "Nimshye," a diseaze i knu nothing about.

The hoss and fixings kost me 429 dollars in gold.

I kontracted for eleven kords of hickory wood kross grained, and az phull ov wrinkles az an old cow's horn, and sawed away 3 months on it, and the pile seemed to gro bigger every day.

I finally gave away the saw, and what wood there waz left, to save mi life, and sat down diskouraged, a square victim to the everlasting dispepshe.

I hav lived at the sea side, and gamboled in the saline flood, until i waz az well pickled az a number of markrel.

I hav dwelt at Saratoga, and taken the water like a mill race, and still had the dispepshe.

I hav walked 2 miles before breakfast, and then ett a slice ov dri toast, and half the yolk of a pullet's egg, and felt all the time az weak az a kitteu that had just cum out ov a fit.

I hav laid down more than two thousand times and rolled over once a minnit all nite long, and got up in the morning like a korpse, and thare didn't nothing seem to ail me enny where in partiklar.

I hav red whole librarys ou the stummuk and liver, and, when i got thru, i knu a grate deal less what waz the matter ov me then when i begun.

I hav drank whiskee with roots in it enuff to carry off euney bridge or saw-mill dam in the country.

I hav worked on a farm for mi vitties and board, and dieted on pork and ri bred until i waz az thin az the sermon ov a 7 day baptist preacher.

I hav duu all these things and 10 thousand other things, just az ridikilns, and i have got the old dispepshe yet, just az natral and az thik az the pimples on a four year old goose.

If yu git a good holt ov the dispepshe once yu kant never loose it entirely; it will cum around once in a while like a ghost, and if it don't scare yu so much az it did once, and make yu think yu are going to to-morrow, and it will make yon feel just az sorry.

☞Will not some young men offer to take the place of young men employed as sellers of tape, shoe-strings, gloves, fitting boots to women's feet, etc., in order that they may engage in farming? There are hundreds of such young men in our cities employed in doing what can be better done by young women, that will make good farmers, just such as the country needs and must have without delay, lest our glorious Republic shall become a nation of shop keepers.

☞Which shall make the fire in the morning? Positive inability to settle harmoniously this momentous question has caused the honeymoon of a fresh couple in Northampton, to wane prematurely. She has returned to the paternal fold. He has taken a tremendous dose of laudanum, but having recovered he knows perfectly well which must make the fire in the morning, if it is to be kindled at all.

☞The Mount Sterling (Ky.) Sentinel gives the notice of a marriageable young female in Montgomery county: "A young woman in Slate, at a party the other night, for $20 ate a roast pig, a stuffed turkey, an opossum, 10 large corn dodgers, and drank a gallon of hard cider, at one sitting. Her name is Miss Mary Jane Severence, and she is a plump and pretty brunette, lively as a cricket."

☞The Dieppe police, warned by several recent calamities, have issued a notice to persons, requesting them, when a lady is in danger of drowning, to sieze her by the dress and not by the hair, which often remains in their grasp.

☞The News, of Nashville, Mich., says that a man who would leave his horse naked in the streets of a cold winter day or night would chew plug tobacco at a funeral. Rather a fine cut that, on somebody.

☞Why are present fashions calculated to injure the temper of ladies? Because, no matter how amiable a lady's disposition may be naturally, she is required to be ruffled whenever she appears in society.

☞A young widow wishes to know how it is that, although her husband said when they were married, "With all my earthly goods I thee endow," she is now entitled to only one-third of his property.

☞A little three-year-old of City Point observed at the dinner-table, a few days since, "Mamma, I don't like these pickles; they make my tougne itch so I have to scratch it with my teeth!"

☞A German, being asked how much saurkraut he had put up for winter use, replied "I'se not much; little more than ten barrels, shust for sickness!"

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1874.

Busy place at the Boston State House this week, and not all legislation either.

The ten hour labor bill which has passed both houses of the Legislature, has been reconsidered on coming up for enactment in the Senate, and, after all, it may be defeated.

The Springfield Republican is predicting that the Republican party is all going to smash, and we regret to add that the Republican is driving it that way as fast as possible.

The heavy work of the Legislature is yet to be done, and three months of the session are nearly gone. The hurry and flurry will come at the end when there is more need of calm deliberation then now.

The distress from the famine in Bengal is increasing, and many thousands of natives are dependent upon the Government for food. In the Tirhort districts, 100,000 persons, all of whom are in an emaciated condition, have made application for relief within ten days.

Little Cheshire, up in Berkshire county, is a town not to be despised. It is the residence of that lobbyist, Gen. Foster, and has further distinguished itself by petitioning the Legislature to buy and run the Boston and Albany Railroad, the town having voted to make that request at its annual meeting.

The striking weavers and spinners at Holyoke, fearing trouble in getting their pay, addressed a letter to Gen. Butler asking him to assist them, but the General declines on account of pressing public duties, at the same time expressing sympathy for their cause. "Sympathy" will butter no parsnips for the weavers and spinners, General.

Barre is to have a centennial celebration on the 17th of June, and is making arrangements for the same. It is proposed to have a general reunion of the present and former residents of the town. The committee desire to obtain all possible information concerning the history of Barre, and any one possessing such knowledge is urged to communicate it at once.

Boss Tweed's friends in New York are trying to get him removed from his prison on Blackwell's Island to the comparatively luxurious quarters in Ludlow street jail. They claim that Judge Davis in his oral sentence designated "the county jail" as the place of incarceration, but afterwards changed it to the island. This the district attorney claims the Judge had a legal right to do, and the question is under consideration by Judge Brady.

Mr. Dawes is charged with having clasped hands with Gen. Butler across the "bloody chasm" that has divided them for years, and while it looks something like this on the surface, it is quite probable that Butler espouses the cause of Mr. Dawes for the purposes of defeating Judge Hoar, a more inveterate enemy, and gaining the leadership of the U. S. House. With this point reached Gen. Butler would not care to be Governor next year, as he would have a better field for the exercise of his peculiar talents in Congress.

Assuming that Mr. Dawes is to get the election of U. S. Senator, several aspirants for his place are putting themselves in training. Among them we hear mentioned Marshall Wilcox of Pittsfield, (of course Berkshire wants it), Chas. R. Ladd, George Walker, C. O. Chapin and Eliphalet Trask of Springfield. Mr. Gillett of Westfield, who would be a worthy successor, positively declines running, and leaves Hampden county pretty short for a candidate. Mr. Stearns would undoubtedly be the Democratic candidate, and he would be pretty certain of an election unless a strong man should be his opponent. The people of the district are a little uneasy even with Mr. Dawes, and the result of a new deal cannot be safely predicted.

Who?

Scarcely has the dust closed over the remains of Charles Sumner before the mourners in this State turn their grief and tears into a fierce wrangle over the election of his successor. The Legislature is beset with lobbyists urging their candidates with persistence, and all the sacred memories of the departed statesman are for the present swallowed up in the excitement and struggle. The choice appears to lie between Henry L. Dawes, Judge Hoar and Charles Francis Adams, although Gen. Banks has a few democratic friends who would be glad to see him elected Senator. The strength of the several candidates is variously estimated. It will require in a full convention 140 votes to elect, and at present figuring the Democrats number 75, the Butler men about 50, the Dawes men some 60, the Hoar men in the vicinity of 60, the Adams men 25, and then there are a few independent men who are undecided. No one candidate has a majority and a compromise may be effected on a new man. Gen. Butler is aiding Mr. Dawes with his forces, and this may have the effect to concentrate the opposition upon some other candidate. Mr. Dawes is entitled to the election by all rights of location and experience in Congress, yet the eastern members are determined to cheat him out of the place by the use of minor issues and sharp practice.

AT THE CLOSE.

The grave has closed over the illustrious Charles Sumner in Mount Auburn. From the time the great statesman breathed his last at Washington on Wednesday of last week, till the shadows of evening settled down upon his final resting place in the city of the dead, there went up a wail of sorrow throughout the land. Tolling bells, weeds of mourning, words of anguish and tears of heart-felt grief were the outward manifestations of the national bereavement, while the inner sorrow of millions of hearts, unexpressed by words, can never be told. He was the friend of the fallen and oppressed, the unselfish advocate of human rights, whose last words were earnest in the desire of his life to establish equal and civil rights for all. Press, pulpit and rostrum have paid their tributes of respect to his worth, and the story of his life is well known to almost every person in the country. We cannot add anything to the volumes of encomiums that have been spoken and printed of the departed Statesman. To-day he is greater in the hearts of the people than when living, and his example and teachings will be more heeded. He has finished the great work of his life, and in the future no name among our great and good men will stand more prominent or be more revered than that of Charles Sumner.

The funeral services at Washington were held on Friday of last week, and thousands of persons viewed the remains as they lay in state on a catafalque in the rotunda of the capitol, and almost hidden from view by a vast quantity of floral offerings. Prayer and selections from the Scriptures were read by Rev. Mr. Butler, a Lutheran minister, and chaplain of the House, but by request no funeral discourse was delivered, the exercises lasting not more thirty minutes. The remains were escorted to the depot, accompanied by the Congressional delegation, and took a special train —consisting of a parlor car and express car, draped in black,—for New York, arriving there at 11 o'clock. There a delegation of colored men from Brooklyn and the metropolitan police escorted the remains to the Fifth Avenue hotel, where they remained till Saturday morning, and then were quietly conveyed to the train which took them to Boston. Along the route demonstrations of mourning were exhibited and crowds gathered at the depots. Great crowds were also assembled at the Boston depot, and the State House where the remains were delivered up to the State authorities at 7 o'clock in the evening. In the Doric Hall of the State House the body lay in state over the Sabbath. The decorations of the hall were chaste and appropriate, and the floral offerings on the casket profuse and magnificent. When the doors were opened on Sunday the crowd poured in at the rate of over 5000 an hour, and at 10 o'clock it was found necessary to close the gates every 15 minutes to prevent a dangerous crush. Much disappointment was expressed by the immense crowd when it was discovered that the casket was not to be opened, but as the remains were found to be much disfigured it was decided not to expose the face to view, and the casket remained closed. The scenes outside the building were at times disgraceful, men and women being crushed and mangled in the dense jam. Monday morning the crowd was again admitted but the police arrangements were such that the disgraceful scenes of the previous day were not repeated. At 2 o'clock the procession was formed and started at precisely half-past, the police with the greatest difficulty keeping back the mass of people, to allow of its passage. Kings' Chapel, where the funeral services were held, was beautifully decorated, and filled with prominent citizens. At four o'clock the services were concluded and the procession was reformed and proceeded to Mount Auburn, where at six o'clock, the last sad rites were performed, and the mortal remains of the great senator returned to its native dust.

St. Patrick's Day was pretty generally observed this year all over the country, although the day was stormy and the processions had to wade ankle deep in mud, in the midst of a drizzling rain, which dimmed the lustre of the brilliant uniforms, and dampened the patriotic ardor of the men. In Springfield the two divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with their brethren from Monson, Chicopee and Westfield, with five bands of music, paraded the streets until 4 o'clock. The festivities of the day were concluded by a festival and a banquet in the evening.

Great excitement prevails in North Carolina over reports that Bald Mountain, in the western part of the State, is in a state of volcanic eruption. It is said that farm houses and cottages along the sides and base of the mountain have been prostrated by convulsions, and many of the inhabitants have fled. A thin vapor issues from the top of the mountain, a low rumbling sound is heard over the entire surface and snow melts as fast as it falls.

The crusade against the liquor dealers is waning at the West, but breaking out in numerous places in the Eastern States. It is, however, weakened everywhere, and the modified means used by the women and reformers in New England fail to convert the rum-sellers and close the drinking places. Some good will no doubt be accomplished in creating a better sentiment among the people and lessening the demand for intoxicating liquors.

Two more heavy New York defalcations are on record for this week, one amounting to $160,000, and the other to $60,000.

An ex-auditor of the Erie R. R. has come out with the startling statement that the road is insolvent.

Death of Eliphalet Williams.—Northampton's oldest business man, Eliphalet Williams, died Sunday morning at the age of nearly 94 years, having been engaged in active business life for 77 years. He was the first president of the Northampton bank in 1833, and held the office till his death, a continuous period of 41 years. He was universally known and respected.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

LOCAL NOTICES.

J. F. Holbrook wants all unpaid coal bills settled on or before April 1st

....Mrs. A. C. Collins is about to transfer her millinery rooms to the store lately occupied by Mr. L. A. Nelson, at 58 Main street.

....An adjourned parish meeting of the 2d Cong. church was held yesterday afternoon, to consider the parsonage matter.

....Dr. Jewett's lecture Monday evening was largely attended, and the lecturer took a very practical view of the temperance question.

....The Tuesday evening prayer-meeting at the Cong. church has been changed into a Bible Service, and is conducted by Rev. Mr. Fullerton, the pastor.

....Charles E. Dewey of Monmouth, Ill., arrived in town Tuesday with a car-load of fine horses, which are on sale at the Antique House Stables. He will probably remain till Monday.

....Judge Allen's new block is progressing rapidly, and is expected to be ready for occupancy in June. The basement contains four cells for a lock-up, a tramp-room, and a room for the keeper.

....Anna Hutchinson, wife of Braman Adams, jr., who was for many years telegraph operator at Amherst, and more recently at this village, died at Westfield, Sunday last, and her funeral was attended on Tuesday.

....The Young People's Club of this village are preparing for another public exhibition to be given some time in April. It will consist of the two-act drama, "Down by the Sea," a farce, and tableaux, music, pantomimes, etc.

....One of the most urgent needs of our village is a free reading-room, supplied with the best magazines and periodicals of the day, and open every evening so that our young men will have a more profitable place to spend their evenings than many of them now enjoy.

....The valuable farm, stock and farming utensils of Jerry Rourke, near the Blanchard mills, will be sold at auction on the 27th inst., if not previously disposed of at private sale. The farm contains about 163 acres, and has a new farm house and barn upon it. The place is a desirable one.

....The only signs of a Dio Lewis crusade in this town thus far were exhibited last week, when two ladies, escorted by a young gent, visited one of our hotels and also one of the saloons, and expostulated with the proprietors. They paid visits to some of the property owners who rent buildings for the liquor traffic. But all has been quiet along the Quaboag since then.

....Dr. Dupree, the well-known chiropodist, is now at the American House, and all who desire to have their corns, bunions, bad nails, &c., cured without the slightest pain, are informed that he leaves for Ware by first train Monday morning. This is Dr. Dupree's second visit to Palmer, and those who suffer with sore feet need not limp another day. A word to the wise is sufficient.

....Marshall Fox proposes to open in the spring a new street through from Main street over his land to the line of the New London Northern R. R., thus throwing open a good many desirable and pleasantly located building lots, which he will offer for sale at reasonable prices. He proposes also to move the house in which he now lives farther to the west, to make room for the proposed street.

....An agent of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is much needed in this village. A Worcester man, hopelessly drunk, recently drove a span of fine horses in our streets in a brutal and reckless manner, but drove off at last in time to escape arrest, and cases of cruelty to dumb beasts are frequently seen in the village, sometimes by men and boys under the debasing influence of liquor, and again by those who simply lack judgment and overwork the poor beasts. An officer who can look after these cases is desirable.

....Lots of fun may be anticipated next Thursday evening when there is to be an old-fashioned "spelling-match" at the Cong. vestry, to be conducted in the same manner as in "ye ancient time." Dr. Horace P. Wakefield has been engaged as master, and Mr. Jerre Dutton and Miss Mary W. Foster as captains of the sides. When school is out there will be an Old Folks' supper, served at the low price of 35 cts. a plate. Admission 25 cts, children under twelve, 15 cts. If the evening is stormy the school will be postponed till the next evening. School begins at 7.15, and everybody is invited to "jine."

....The bells of both our churches were tolled for an hour Saturday afternoon in honor of Charles Sumner, and a large crowd, among whom were many of our prominent citizens were at the depot on the arrival of the train which conveyed his remains to Boston. At the Cong. church Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Fullerton preached a sermon on the lessons which we might draw from his life and character, likening the great senator to a towering palm-tree, rising above the world's mere follies to the realm where high sentiments take hold upon men's souls. His text was from the 12th verse of the 92d Psalm. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree."

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Freeman A. Smith, a young man about 20 years of age, eldest son of Austin R. Smith, living in the north part of the town, met with a fatal accident Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He had been down to the pond hunting ducks and rode back with Mr. Francis Blair of Ware. On reaching his father's door-yard, he jumped out of the wagon, and taking hold of his gun near the muzzle, the horse started, and the hammer of the gun catching on the hind board it was discharged, the contents tearing his right fore arm, in a shocking manner, and he bled fearfully until the arm could be corded. Dr. William Holbrook was called, and assisted by Dr. Miner of Ware, performed an amputation of the arm just below the elbow, but the patient had suffered so much from loss of blood that re-action did not take place, and he died at 10 o'clock Thursday night. Young Smith was well known and universally respected in Palmer and Ware, and leaves a large circle of mourning friends.

BRIMFIELD.

A fire in the north part of Brimfield Tuesday night destroyed the dwelling house occupied by Caroline F. King, formerly of Springfield. Loss 2000, with only a partial insurance.

BELCHERTOWN.

The Congregational church was appropriately draped Monday afternoon in memory of Sumner's death, and a large number of people gathered to hear short and appropriate addresses from the clergy and others; the bell was also tolled.——Dr. Jewett lectures on temperance before the Belchertown Temperance Union next Tuesday afternoon.

WARREN.

Building promises to open well in the spring, some ten or more dwelling houses having been contracted for to be built during the coming season.——There will be a social gathering of the past and present members of the high school on the evening of the 27th inst., the closing examination taking place during the day.——The parsonage association chose new officers at their annual meeting on Saturday, and declared a dividend of $2 a share, payable July 1st.

MONSON.

John A. Orcutt has nearly completed a new dwelling house for Michael Maney.——Another new pair of fancy horses came to town Wednesday, and Willie K. Flynt is to hold the ribbons.——George M. Mixter has just completed and put up as fine a lettered gold leaf sign for Gage Brothers, as it is customary for Monson people to set eyes on, parties wanting the best of sign painting done, won't have to go out of town hereafter.——There is a great scarcity of tenements, and if carpenters and builders would immitate Arba Squier, they could find they would have all they could do in the building line, and plenty of customers for the buildings when finished.——It is a pity that streets are not laid out up street and down street to supply the demand for more building lots.——Business in all branches seems to be starting up.

DISTRICT COURT.

John Bradley for an assault on his wife, Margaret, on the 10th inst., was on Wednesday arraigned, and pleading guilty to the charge was allowed to depart upon payment of $5 and costs, amounting to the snug little sum of $21.10.

Magnatins Sullivan for drunkenness paid a fine of $3 and costs on the same day, and was discharged.

On St. Patrick's day there was the usual amount of drunkenness on the streets, two young men from Ware, John Dowd and James Gallagher, getting so much down they attracted the notice and kindly assistance of our lynx-eyed constables, who arrested them and locked them up in the third story of the Nassowanno House for safe keeping, first taking the precaution to remove their boots from them. John was chafed terribly at the thought of imprisonment, and cutting up a piece of carpet in the room into a rope, he opened the window and began the descent, but the rope broke before he reached the ground, and he dropped on to a lot of broken glass, and then shoeless and hatless made tracks for Thorndike. The next day Constable Palmer re-arrested him at Thorndike, just as he was taking the train for Ware, and brought him before the court, which fined him $11 45 for his drunken spree, and $13.10 for assaulting the officer with a knife. Gallagher plead guilty and got off with a fine of $3 and costs, amounting to $9 10.—Both paid their fines, and immediately shook the dust of Palmer from their feet and hastily departed homeward.

On Thursday Michael Grady was arrested for repeated abuse of his wife, and was ordered to spend four months of retirement in the House of Correction, in order to give his wife a short respite from his barbarous treatment.

TOWN MEETING.

The attendance at the annual town meeting Monday was unusually large, and considerable interest was manifest, and a spirit of reform also, as shown by the vote given below. Three overseers of the poor were chosen this year, their duty having heretofore been performed by the selectmen. The officers chosen and the appropriations made were as follows:

Moderator.—C. L. Gardner.

Clerk and Treasurer.—James B. Shaw.

Selectmen.—Ebenezer Brown, O. B. Smith, James O. Hamilton.

Assessors.—John Clough, E. B. Gates, David Knox.

Overseers of the Poor.—Enos Calkins, H. E. W. Clark, A. R. Murdock, Jr.

School Committee for three years.—Rev. T. A. Leete.

Constables.—J. A. Palmer, L. A. Nelson, D. M. Chapman, Mark Bryant, George W. Randall, J. S. Holden, R. E. Knowlton, Merrick Whitney, H. T. Bishop, G. W. Keith, A. Thayer, C. B. Loring.

Highway Surveyors.—J. W. Weeks, Geo. Moores, Geo. W. Randall, Merrick. Whitney, Chas. Sherman, Horace Smith, Ell Smith, Joshua Graves, Eugene Shoreley, C. R. Shaw, J. R. Wellman, Myron Bartlett, B. Olney.

Field Drivers.—T. V. Kent, A. R. Smith, C. D. Lewis, E. Bartlett, Mark Bryant, Horace Simpson, J. M. Buffington, John Rich, Charles Childs.

Surveyors of Lumber.—T. D. Potter, M. Whitney, Jason A. Palmer, N. Howard, Albert E. Burleigh, Geo. W. Randall, D. M. Stebbins.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.—D. M. Stebbins, C. H. Murdock, J. A. Palmer, E. B Murdock, E. G. Murdock, S. W. Smith, W. N. Packard, C. D. Lewis, N. Howard.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.—Jason A. Palmer, John Clough.

Sealer of Leather.—Calvin Hitchcock.

Pound Keeper.—Charles Sherman.

Constable and Collector.—Jason A. Palmer.

Appropriations.—For schools, $6000; roads and highways, $2500; support of the poor, $1500; reduction of the town debt, $5000; bridges, $1000; repairs on school houses, $400; discount and abatement of taxes, $1000; interest on the town debt, $1000; repairs on town house and building fence, $400; railings, $500; for erection of guide-boards where required by law, $100; contingencies, $1000; fitting up and furnishing new school rooms, $1000; total appropriations, $20,800.

Voted, To allow a discount of six per cent. on all taxes paid on or before August 20th. J. A. Palmer is to collect the taxes for $149.

Voted, To accept the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen.

Voted, To authorize the selectmen to put up guide-boards in all places where they are required by law.

Voted, To authorize the highway surveyor to raise the road lying between the Merrick bridge and house of Elisha Warner about one foot, to prevent its being flowed in times of high water.

Voted, To make all necessary repairs on the town house, and to build a fence between the same and the land of John K. Ferrell.

Voted, To place the money received under the will of the late Calvin Thompson on interest in the Palmer Savings Bank, and that the town clerk be instructed to procure a copy of the will, and all possible information concerning the testator, to be entered on the records of the town.

Voted, To authorize the lock-up committee to hire the lock-up and tramp room of Judge Allen on the most favorable terms.

Voted, To take legal measures to collect the money due from Geo. A. King, collector for the year 1871.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....The selectmen have appointed Geo. Freeman one of the Sunday police.

....The next Masonic social gathering occurs on Wednesday evening at Masonic Hall.

....Rev. A. S. Nickerson of Plymouth will preach at the Unitarian church next Sabbath.

....The annual meeting of the East Cong. Society occurs at the Chapel Tuesday afternoon.

....The Ladies Benevolent Society met at the residence of Lewis N. Gilbert on Wednesday, both afternoon and evening.

....The interior of the Hampshire house, as well as a portion of the stores in that block, have received improvements in the line of paint and varnish during the week.

....A little romance occurred at the depot a few mornings since, in which a young lady in her haste to get a seat beside a gentleman, left a five a dollar bill with the ticket agent, till she returned home to get her change.

... Remember the adjourned town meeting at Music Hall next Monday afternoon, as important matters are likely to be brought forward. It is barely possible that a new election of some of the officers will take place.

....In accordance with a proclamation of Gov. Washburn our church bells were tolled Monday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 4, out of respect to the memory of the late Charles Sumner, whose funeral took place at that time.

....The funeral of Mrs. Bull, wife of Rev. R. B. Bull of West Brookfield, took place at the Cong. church on Saturday afternoon, with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Perkins of this town. Mrs. Bull died Wednesday evening, 11th inst., after a long and painful illness.

....The fire meeting, last Saturday evening, was quite largely attended, but accomplished little in the way of business, and finally adjourned to the regular meeting of the Fire Department in May, after choosing a committee to report on the whole matter at that time.

....The members of the Young Men's Library Association were invited by Mr. J. H. Greenville Gilbert to a turkey supper at the Ware Hotel on Thursday evening of last week, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. After partaking of the bountiful repast provided by landlord Kendrick, brief speeches were in order, and the various toasts offered were happily responded to by the young men.

....Miss Rebekah Clapp of New Braintree, nearly 97 years of age, and living alone at her farm-house, came to Ware "on business" last Monday, and though not as vigorous as on her last visit to town, yet is remarkably bright and active for one of her years. Though she is possessed of considerable property, her household affairs are managed with the strictest economy, which indeed has been a striking characteristic of her whole life.

....Mr. Lewis G. Cummings died very suddenly at his residence in Ware Centre, on Friday afternoon of last week, of disease of the heart. His funeral was largely attended at the church Sabbath afternoon, services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Tuttle. Mr. Cummings was an old resident of Ware, a prominent member of the Cong. Society at the Center and will be greatly missed, especially by the residents of the portion of the town where he lived. His age was 64 years.

....A series of meetings are to be held here next week, under the direction of the State Executive Committee of Y. M. C. Association. The services will be conducted by K. A. Burnell, the well-know lay-preacher of Illinois, assisted by Messrs. Tucker, Wheeler and Adams of Worcester, E. B. Smith of Westfield, D. B. Montague of Springfield and A. E. Ferry of Belchertown. The first meeting will be held on Monday at the Methodist church, commencing at 9.30 A. M., to continue through the day and evening, and also on Tuesday the same. The afternoon services commence at 2½ o'clock, and the evening at 7.30. The efforts of these Christian workers have been greatly blessed in other places where similar gatherings have been held, and it is to be hoped that similar results may follow here, for we are confident that the meetings will be both interesting and instructive, and will worthy a general attendance.

☞The grangers of Missouri are following those of Iowa in establishing manufactories for agricultural implements.

☞One hundred persons are out of employment by the suspension of the steel works in Jersey City for want of coal.

☞A petition is circulating in Stockton, Cal., in favor of introducing the study of the Irish language in the public schols.

☞Several Erie Railroad conductors are under arrest on the charge of defrauding the road by duplicating the use of tickets.

☞Emerson says, "The way to make the world better is by reforming number one, then there is surely one less villain in the world."

☞A man who lately died near Bologna had reached his 104th year, had survived five wives, and was the father of twenty-six children—a modern patriarch.

☞The Mormons have been making converts in Michigan, and will take a large number of families to Utah this season. Some of the converts are wealthy.

☞The Patent Office has just reported favorably on three new kinds of corkscrews. Why can't we have a law to promote this encouragment of intemperance?

☞Henry Connors, a New Jersey hatter, won a bet, Saturday, that he would drink a pint of whiskey and a gallon of beer in an hour. He also died within the same hour.

☞A New York man living on a farm in Alabama was ordered by the Ku-Klux to leave. Instead of doing so he remained and shot three of them, and his grateful neighbors elected him County Clerk.

☞The California stock companies that pay dividends have, many of them, a pleasant way of doing so ever month. In February of this year they paid $1,033,860. Of these dividends mining companies paid $832,500.

☞Two factory girls walked from Providence to New Bedford, with the exception of five miles, on Wednesday, in search of work. Having neither money nor friends they were provided for at the police station.

☞Mr. Horatio G. Hall, who was shot by the furious fellow, Anderson, in Wallingford, is likely to survive. It has been thought that he was mortally wounded. Anderson is also recovering from his self-inflicted wound.

☞Thomas and Olympia Doody, who sued the New Haven and Northampton Railroad Company for $20,000 damages for injuries sustained in an accident at Hamden, have been awarded $7000 by the court at Northampton.

☞Nat Nelson, a colored Justice in King George county, Virginia, sentenced a negro, who had been convicted before him of the crime of larceny, to receive thirty-nine stripes, and the punishment was inflicted by another negro.

☞A horse belonging to an Augusta, Me., man by some means got cast in a stable the other night, and its flesh was so badly lacerated and eaten by a ferocious boar that had got loose in the stable floor that the owner was obliged to kill the horse.

☞Patrick Cavanaugh of Bridgeport has been arrested for selling liquor to little boys. Sunday morning he sold a half pint of whiskey to some boys under ten years of age, who took it outside and became elevated by it. One became so drunk that he was locked up in the station house.

☞A 13 year year son of Mrs. Asher Aiden of Enfield, Ct., was accidently shot on Saturday evening, while reading at the house of the Rev. Mr. Eggleston by a playmate of his who is boarding there. The ball entered the cheek, near the mouth, and lodged in the neck, just below and behind the ear.

☞Henry C. Hammond of Paris, Me., who was struck with a hoe and badly wounded in the head by Lysander Butterfield, last fall, died on Sunday, having suffered from the effects of the blow until his death. A post mortem examination is to be held, and it is reported that Butterfield has absconded.

A Young Couple Drowned.—Last Sunday evening a young man named Keller, belonging in Camden, Me., and a young lady named Holt, belonging in Lincolnville, were riding in a covered buggy, and in crossing a road used in hauling ice across the lower end of a pond, in Camden, the ice broke beneath the carriage, and horse, carriage and its occupants were precipitated beneath the ice, and were all drowned. Keller's body when found was in a standing posture in the buggy, with the reins grasped by both hands. The body of his companion was beneath the carriage, having been thrown out when they broke through the ice.

Dr. Dupree, the Great Chiropodist, in Ware!—He will Arrive at the Hampshire House next Tuesday Morning!—This original professor of "Walking made easy," now on his second great professional tour through the Eastern States, has met with the most astonishing success wherever he has been. Large numbers of the very first citizens visited him in North Adams, Pittsfield, Great Barrington, Westfield, Palmer and other places, and were delighted with his painless method of curing corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, enlarged sore joints, frosted feet, and other pedal afflictions. He will be at the Hampshire House, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 24, 25, 26 and 27, four days only, as he is overrun with engagements which must be met. Prices reasonable in all cases. Consultation free.

☞The whiskey war in Ohio is damaging the whiskey trade of Cincinnati about $20,000 per day.

☞Somebody has stolen Adirondack Murray's "Civilized Heathen," which was a lecture in manuscript.

☞A Kentucky farmer refused to look at a sample sewing machine recently, as he always "sewed wheat by hand."

☞A lazy convict at Joliet, Ill., on Tuesday last smashed one finger and removed part of another in order to avoid work.

☞At and around Hernando, Miss., last Tuesday night a substance was rained down which an analysis proved to be pure brimstone.

☞In England recently a man attending the funeral of his father was arrested for an offence committed fourteen years previously.

☞Fort Wayne has a house in which four suicides have been committed. The owner offers to let it cheap to anybody desiring to depart this life.

☞A few days ago a clergyman, Rev. Presley Lakin, while conducting a prayer meeting at Peant, Pike county, Ill., was assailed by a rough, and received an ugly stab in the head.

☞The once formidable New Zealand chief To Kooti has become physically a wreck through continued drunkenness, and pleads for liberty to settle where he "can have eels and rum."

☞A half dozen young men of Shreveport, La., who entered the rebel army when the war began and served through it without receiving a scratch, have all since been killed in bar-room fights.

☞A tramp recently passed the night in a school-house in Milford. He made himself comfortable with a fire made by breaking up the teacher's desk, and lugged off the school bell with him in the morning.

☞Agassiz wrote a very small hand, having acquired this habit when he had but little paper to use, and his early compositions were written on the back of letters and envelopes, when he was obliged to put much matter in a very small space.

☞While Nicholas Heil and five patrons were playing cards in his saloon at Bresslan, L. I., Sunday evening, August Kiilerman entered, intoxicated, and pointing an Enfield rifle at the party exclaimed, "Look out now, fellows!" Andrew Muller, a peaceable brewer, received the charge in the head as he turned round, and was killed instantly. The authorities with difficulty prevented the populace from lynching Kilerman, who is now in jail.

☞An innocent freshman, who had been skating once or twice with a young lady in Amherst, suddenly awoke to the consciousness that he was too attentive to the fair sex, and had recourse to a most novel way of throwing off the meshes of society. He had his hair cut, and, in addition, a large piece on the top of his head shaved in the form of a half moon, for the purpose, he said, of keeping him out of society, as he was getting in too deep.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Creator to remove from our midst Brother C. W. Hastings, in the prime of his manhood,

Resolved, That in his death we have lost a kind, true-hearted and manly brother, who has made us all his brothers indeed by his kindness, courtesy and Masonic charity.

Resolved, That our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his relatives and friends who are called upon to mourn for one so universally endeared to all.

Resolved, That we attend the funeral of our late Brother in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late Brother, and a copy be published in the Palmer Journal.

A. PINNEY,
S. S. TAFT,
J. B. SHAW.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his infinite mercy to take to himself our Brother, F. M. Murdock,

Resolved, That the death of our Brother in the days of his youth has deprived us of the society and companionship of one made dear to us by the noble qualities of a man and a Mason, which he possessed.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy, deep and heartfelt, to his widow and friends who are called upon so early to part with one dear to them, for his many manly and noble qualities.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral of our late Brother in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late Brother, and that a copy be published in the Palmer Journal.

M. FOX,
A. PINNEY,
SILAS RUGGLES.

BE WISE TO-DAY.—'Tis madness to neglect a cough or cold, however slight. Consumption may follow, and though Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry has frequently cured this much dreaded disease, it almost invariably cures the primary diseases of the throat, lungs and chest, where other remedies fail.

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H. E. W. CLARK,
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Palmer, March 10, 1874. 3w2

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Wales, March 3d, 1874. 2w1*

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Springfield, March, 12, 1874. 3w2

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SARAH E. BRADFORD, Adm'x.
Monson, March 4, 1874. 3w1

☞Nine cent festivals are the rage in Wisconsin. Cheap enough.

☞The governor of Illinois has banished cards and dancing from the executive mansion.

☞Gen. John Tyler, son of the ex president, has been licensed as a Methodist preacher in Florida.

☞When our ancestors wanted a hot rum punch, they said so without evasion; they did not call it "kettledrum."

☞One man killed and four injured every working day in the year, is a pretty good record for our American railways.

☞An odd college contest is that between Williams and Yale, the two conducting a chess match by means of postal cards.

☞The Wyoming Journal's fees for marriage notices are as "high as the ecstacy and liberality of the bridegroom may prompt."

☞The bridge over the Kentucky river on the Southern Railroad will be the highest on the continent. It is 275 feet above low water, and has a span of 1236 feet. The towers, erected by John A. Roebling years ago, cost $100,000 and rise 365 feet above low water.

☞It seems that Washington society has narrowly escaped having to determine the status of a negro Senator's white wife. Bruce, of Mississippi, was engaged to a young woman of Cleveland, Ohio, and would have been married before now had she not died last fall.

☞A Bridgeport, Conn., landlady thinklug pleasantly to surprise one of her boarders, put a gold ring which he had lost in a pancake, and placed the production on his plate at breakfast. But the boarder bolted the pancake in such large bites that the presence of the ring was not discovered, and now it is lost again.

☞The women of Charlestown, S. C., have been working for temperance in a very quiet, and as they believe, a very effective way for over a year past. At the hour of twelve each day hundreds of them by concert offer up prayers in their homes that bar-rooms may be closed and the drunkard reformed. And the rum selling business is really going down.

MESSRS. CUTLER BROS. & CO.

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I should like to tell you what I know about it, in order that others may have the benefit of my

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Since this Balsam first came to my notice in 1848 I kept it *constantly* in the house, never allowing myself to be out of it *over night*. In all these

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

it has not failed in a *single* instance in my own case to give the desired *relief*; and I will say the same in regard to my *mother*, whose

LIFE WAS SAVED

by it, as I cannot but think. Hers was a case of *Congestion of the Lungs*, and although attended by a most skillful physician, she seemed to fail constantly, so that we despaired of her recovery, when an old friend and neighbor persuaded her to try this Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam. The result was most gratifying, I assure you.

RELIEF WAS IMMEDIATE

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IRRITATION

is at once subdued, and a good night's sleep secured. I will mention another case, that of a young lady acquaintance, who

BLED AT THE LUNGS

and *coughed frightfully*, had night sweats and was fearfully reduced. She left Boston for her country home, 150 miles away, as we supposed to die. I sent her a bottle of your Balsam, and soon had the satisfaction to hear that she was much better. She continued taking it for awhile and got

ENTIRELY WELL,

and is living now, which fact is to be ascribed mainly to the use of the VEGETABLE PULMONARY BALSAM. Very truly yours,

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Original.
After the New Year's Ball.

They sat in the chamber together,
Brushing out their curls,
Bessie and Nell and Alice,
The fairest of all fair girls.

Talking in sweet girl fashion
Of the conquests made that night—
Of which was the most becoming,
Scarlet or blue or white.

All around them lay silks and laces,
And jewels such as girls love,
A velvet carpet below them,
And frescoed ceiling above.

All shut away from the chilly night,
And the pitiless winter storm,
In the dainty-lighted chamber,
Snug, and cosy, and warm.

But Kitty, fairest of them all,
If fairest there could be
Sits quiet, smiling to herself,
And blushes, plain to see.

Upon her soft cheeks come and go—
As when the day is done
The red clouds cover all the sky,
At setting of the sun.

Ah! Kittie, thinking of that last,
That happy waltz with him—
You could have danced it till the morn
Broke in the mountains dim.

'Tis that which brings those blushes to
Your cheeks so soft and round,
Which, when you speak, gives to your voice
That low and happy sound.

Ah! Bessie, and Nell, and Alice,
One thing I think is clear,
You'll not have Kittie with you
After the ball next year. C. H. M.

Monson, Mass.

AN ENGINEER'S YARN.

BY ALBERT WILLIAMS, JR.

I am a practical, mechanical engineer. Not one of these youngsters who go to a scientific school for a few years, and take a C. E., M. E., or something of the kind, and then put on airs about it. They always affect to snub us practical men, but we rather get into them when it comes to real work. Of course, these chaps are well enough in their way—and that isn't mine—in getting up artistic drawings and models, and all that sort of thing. And sometimes they are of some account. There was young Hoppin, who helped me with that toggle joint. I origluated the idea: he put it into shape. I made enough to retire on it, and I did the square thing by him, if he was a "scientific man," so I feel perfectly free to speak my mind about the lot, always excepting my friend Hoppin.

But this isn't telling my story. There is my wife, Bessie—bless her little heart always saying I can't come to the point without as many twists and turns as my own old machinery. Perhaps she is right. But then, this is the first time I ever tried to express myself in print, and I don't exactly know how to go about it, so you must excuse me. That's reasonable, isn't it? And besides, I am getting so stout and logy-like, that I ain't as sharp as I used to be. My young acquaintance, who is an editor, or some equally useless member of society, has roped me into this scrape, and ought to help me out; but he doesn't. All he says is, "Fire away, old man, and make it short and sweet." I'm afraid this isn't telling my story, either. Prolixity—that's the word—comes sort of natural-like to me now.

Let me see. It was sixteen years ago this summer that I came to New York in search of employment. I had been running an engine in a big tannery in the western part of the State and doing first-rate, till the company failed, and I was thrown out of work. So I was looking about town for something to do. Money-guage so low that I was ready for anything after a fortnight of searching and waiting. I happened to be walking through a down-town cross street, when I saw a placard in the window of a paper-box factory—"ENGINEER WANTED. GOOD SALARY. "That's just me,' says I, so I went into the office and asked if I would do. The manager said he would try me. He did try me, and it seems I must have satisfied him, for he told me to stay.

First, then, the manager, Mr. Samuel Harkness, also sole owner of the factory. This Mr. Samuel Harkness was the greatest villain I ever came across. He's dead now, poor man, and I hate to speak ill of those who are gone, because, you see, it's much the same as chinning behind a man's back; but he was a villain all the same. Not one of your story-book villains, either. I have read lots of novels, romances, and such stuff, lately, but I haven't seen anything about their villains that applies to my villain. Their's were, invariably, thin, dark men; of lithe, serpentine motion, with yellow faces, straight, black hair, and deep-set, fugitive eyes. Some of the evil one cropping out at every point. Why, Lord bless you, you'd recognize this kind of a villain soon as you clapped eyes on him, just as you would a patent machine, with every bit of metal labeled.

My villain wasn't tall, wasn't dark at all; was tolerably stout, in face, and well-to-do looking; didn't squirm a bit; and, to cut this description short, was just like most anybody else you meet. When I engaged under him of course I didn't know anything about his villainy. How could I? He wasn't labeled.

And now the factory itself. It was a somewhat dilapidated, five-story brick concern. Engine in cellar—most every manufacturer had his own power then, instead of just belting on to the one big engine in the block as they do now; office and sample first floor; clipping and folding machines, second floor; girls pasting, sorting and trimming, on third floor; stock of all sorts on the fourth and fifth. We used to turn out an immense deal of work with a very few hands. There were twenty-five or so girls, the manager, his clerk and office boy, a man to hoist and do odd jobs, the fireman and myself. Except when stock was taken in, or work sent out, there was nobody else in the building.

I generally kept to my own business, and staid down in the cellar, nursing the old engine. She sadly needed it, being as rickety and patched-up contrivance as one cares to stay alongside of. She always reminded me of some old people you see, who are always in need of a pectoral for a cough, or a liniment for rheumatism, or something or other. This engine of mine was in such a state that she always wanted easing somewhere; a rivet here, a plug there, new stuffing, more felting, or a band around the whole boiler. From boiler to fly-wheel she was rickety, rickety. But there was no present danger to be apprehended; as all was safe enough with proper care and attention all the time.

But if I was so occupied, I could not help meeting the girls now and then in the passageway. Most of them were of the common sort—coarse, vulgar creatures, that I could never abide. But there was one little pale-faced girl I took to straight off. She wasn't a bit like the others, and seemed as nice and quiet, and lady-like, as they were noisy and common. As I said, I took to her, and she—well, she didn't altogether snub me. We got to be fast friends soon.

She told me the tale of her sad life; how her father had been a prosperous mechanic, and they had lived in such a dear little home; how her father died, and left her, a mere mite of a thing, in charge of her feeble mother and baby sister; and how she contrived to get along and keep grim famine from the door on the pittance of her earnings.

Whenever I could, without making a fuss, I helped them along a little. And when we got acquainted, I used to hurry through my work so as to be able to see her home every day after six o'clock. Sometimes, too, we used to go to concerts and lectures together; and very often I found time to visit them all of an evening. I hadn't said a word of love to her yet, but was waiting till my wages were increased enough to enable me to keep a home of my own, and then ask her to fill it. Of her state of feeling toward me I knew nothing accept that she looked upon and trusted me as a brother.

One thing used to rile me, though, and that was the sneaking sort of liking that Harkness seemed to have for her; and worse, he showed it plainly enough by the way he persecuted her with his odious attention whenever he got the chance. She told me she would leave the place if she could only get another.

I have said that it was sixteen years ago that I entered the box factory. If you will take the trouble to subtract, you will find that it makes 1857. It puts us just in the year of the great financial crash. I had been in the factory about three months, and was getting used to the general run of things; and although it was out of my line, and none of my business, I could not but notice how slack trade seemed to be. Rumors of failures up the street, down the street, on the corner, at Nos. 35 and 37, over the way, met my eyes. Rumors of failures past and failures to come. Rumors of great distress east, west and south. Rumors of a threatened general smash up. Money men tell me that when the market is tight, it only such a wholesale panic to bring down every one. It is the apprehension, not the reality that does the work. But this is not telling my story either.

Well, old Harkness kept on with his manufacturing, though I could see that day by day, fewer calls for work were made. He always wore a cheerful smile through those troublesome times, as much as to say, "Look at me, if you want to see a model man of business. I don't speculate, I don't get involved. Mark my consequent prosperity."

Now when I see a man with a good deal of bluster and swagger about him, I always make up my mind that he is a coward at heart. And when some people parade their financial soundness, the Wall street animals always snuff rotteness somewhere. It must have been on this principle that I began to suspect that Harkness wasn't so safe after all.

One night I was delayed by an unexpected break-down in the gearing, and stayed in my cellar long after the girls, the clerk, and the fireman were gone, hard at work tinkering at the engine. No one was in the factory but Harkness and myself. I do not think he suspected my presence. As I was taking off my overhalls and fixing up, I heard a heavy dray come up to our door. There were four or five men with it, who were not our regular cartmen. They jumped out, were let in through the half closed doors of the main floor above me, and were led up stairs by Harkness. Presently they re-appeared, bearing cases of various kinds of stock, fancy paper, gilding stuff, light machinery, and different odds and ends, with which they loaded the dray, and then drove off again. All was done in such a quiet, mysterious way, that it was evident that something wrong was being done. What could it be? The men were not robbers, for there was Mr. Harkness, and he sole owner of the factory. A man does not commit a larceny on his property. I couldn't make it out at all.

I started to go. Just as I entered the office below, Harkness came in by the passage-way door from the floor above. He started perceptibly when he saw me, but instantly regained his composure and said, as cool as you please:

"Ah! you're late, Bill. What's wrong to-day? Hope you won't blow us up for a week or so yet. We're doing a staving business, Bill." I think I see him now washing his hands with invisible soap in imperceptible water, with that self-satisfied, hypocritical leer on his face. "Just sent a load of fine boxes down to the Winged Arrow. She sails to-morrow, so we had to ship in a hurry.—Fine boxes; and a beautiful vessel, Bill.—Good night to you."

"Good night, sir," said I, and left.

As I went up the street, another dray passed driven towards the factory. I had the curiosity to turn and watch to see whether it, too, stopped there. It did, and when I reached the corner of Broadway, I stopped and looked back once more. There, in a darkening twilight, the same process of hurried loading was being repeated. It seemed to be all right. Harkness was there, but somehow I wasn't quite satisfied. Trimming machines are not fine assorted gilt edged boxes, by any manner of means, you know. And I knew it, too, though very like, old Harkness didn't give me credit for being so well posted. Well, if I couldn't settle the question, the next best thing was to give it up. And give it up, I did.

Next morning I went over, as usual, to the factory. Jim, the stoker, opened the doors always, he had to be early to tend to the fires, which we banked every night. I expected to see Jim, but was much surprised when I saw Harkness. This time it was he who came through the cellar door and I through the other. As before, we met unexpectedly. Now it was my turn to be surprised. He was intensely pale, and seemed much agitated. With a strong effort of the will he strove to conceal his strange manner. He endeavored to speak calmly, and half succeeded.

"Bill," said he, "Jim has tended to the engine, and it's all right; come outside with me, I want to talk to you."

He turned to the cellar door, and shouted: "Jim, come up, come up at once. Run over to Mr. Brent's house—you know where that is—and tell him not to discount that bill to-day. Be quick!"

"Yes, sir, coming," sung out Jim, leisurely.

Suddenly he tore up the cellar steps. His face was ten shades paler than Harkness', an expression of horror was fixed on his features—an expression of agony and fear that I never shall forget. It haunts me still. It will stay by me till my dying day. Poor fellow, he's gone, too, since then.

Jim hardly stopped in his wild flight, ahe hoarsely whispered, rather than cried: "Hundred and ten on the steam guage!—Safety-valve clogged! ! Run for your very lives! ! !"

I took in the situation at once. Terrible the danger was. The old boiler registered at eighty pounds to the square inch, but we never dared run higher than thirty. And a hundred and ten! We were standing directly over it, while I hesitated, the pressure must be steadily increasing. It flashed upon me that there might be no more danger in jumping down and pressing the safety-valve, than in running away, and in spite of the awful panic, I had a prejudice against running.

I looked down from the door-way, upon the trembling, panting, struggling steam demon beneath. The safety-valve apparatus was in plain sight.

From the end of the lever hung several huge links of chain.

I don't think I'm a coward—usually, at least, I know I'm not. But that evidence of villainy took me all back. I staggered and clung feebly to the lintel for support. The words seemed forced out of me, and not uttered with my volition:

"You scoundrel! You'd steal your insurance, would you?"

A sudden, vindictive push sent me headlong. As I fell I heard a demoniac laugh.

"Peach, if you want to!"

And the door swung to with a click of the spring lock.

At the foot of the steps was an open trap, the sub-cellar hatch. The distance was so great that I had time to notice all this. Would it hurt me much when I struck? Would it kill me ourright?

And that was all.

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When I came to, I found myself in a well-remembered room. Bessie, my Bessie now, hung tenderly over me, waiting for the light of reason to appear in my fevered eyes.

All was soon told. The boiler must have burst the very moment I struck. Harkness was killed by a flying piece of machinery; the would-be murderer had exchanged places with his victim, for I, strange as it may seem, was dug out of the ruins alive, and got off with only a broken arm. God forgive him.

Bessie insists that if it hadn't been for the accident, I should never have "spoken out." So, after all, it was a blessing in disguise.—*Wood's Household Magazine.*

JOSH BILLINGS' SPICE-BOX.

Most every one luvs to listen to slander, but thare aint but phew but what despise the author ov it.

I meet a great menny men whoze talk iz like a buntch of fire crackers when they are first touched oph, full ov pop for a fu minnits, and then all iz over.

Without munny, without friends, and without impudence, iz about az low down in this world az enny man kan git, and keep virtuous.

After a man has passed the age ov 57 about all he kan find to talk about and to brag on, iz that he has got more pains and akes than enny ov the rest ov his nabors.

Thare iz nothing that a man iz so certain ov az he iz ov what he sees, and yet thare iz nothing after all that deceives him oftener.

Beware ov the man who iz alwazz reddy to swop old friends for new ones.

The dog that will phollow everybody aint worth a kuss.

When I pla whist I alwuzz like a phool for a partuer, for they do hold such good hands.

I have had people set down bi mi side, and konfidenshally undertake to explain sumthing to me of great importanse, and after talking 85 minnits bi the watch, I not only didn't kno what they had been trieing to tell, but had forgot a good deal that I knew before.

One ov the most perfekt viktorys yu kan achieve over enny man iz to heat him in politeness.

Young man, yu had better be honest than cunning, and it iz hard work to be both.

I kant tell exakly what's the matter ov me, but i am allwuss just a leetle shy ov the woman who wears her hair kut short.

It ought to kure the pride of enny man when he reflekts that there aint no one living but what owes more to the world than the world owes to him.

To be familiar with every one and preserve your respekt and there esteem, iz an evidence of the most remarkyble talleuts.

The grate mistake that meny people make iz to think that they waz made before the world waz instead ov since.

☞"There are people," said a gentleman to a friend, "who never see an afflicted person but they pray to Heaven to be delivered from a similar infirmity. Now I never see a blind man without praying to be deaf." "Why?" "Because I am conscious that he is going to play a clarionet or hand-organ to me."

☞Never abandon your hopes. Hope is often better than enjoyment. Hope is often the cause as well as the effect of youth. It is certainly a very pleasing and healthy passion. A hopeless person is deserted by himself; and he who forsakes himself is soon forsaken by friend and fortune.

☞"Mrs. Hopkins, why don't you sprinkle ashes on your icy sidewalks like Mrs. Bedun, your opposite neighbor, for the benefit of passers-by, and so imitate the good Samaritan?" "Let passers-by imitate the Priest and Levite, and pass by on the other side."

CHARLES SUMNER.

[Extract from a sermon preached by Rev. B. M. Fullerton at the Cong. Church, Palmer.]

Psalm 92:12. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." The leaf stalks and leaves grow at a great height—"as far as possible from earth, and as near as possible to heaven." The palm grows up out of the earth, has its roots in the mould, but aspires heavenward with all its life-like force. Men are related to the world. Nor ought they to seek severance from it. But our natures were not made for creepers. We need not trail along the ground. The good man pushes upward, seeks to lift his head into the region of unobstructed vision. He rises above the world's mere follies to the realm where high sentiments take hold upon men's souls. * * In these days a deal of mercenariness and mere materialism is rife. The nobler sentiments are held too much in abeyance. Patriotism and honor are often by-words. A dollar is more potent than a conviction. * * A man has just died who swayed for a long period the councils of this nation. Whatever may be our individual judgment of his practical statesmanship, energy and calumny themselves will be silent when the claim is made for him that he acted from high convictions of duty. His life thrust itself into these later years of our history as a sort of protest against a wrong standard of political action. According to much that was influential in those standards he was conspicuous for his folly. He strode to his high place in the national councils by sheer ability to maintain high and precious convictions, in spite and in the midst of immense time-serving and venality all around him. Of late the currents setting toward indifference to the moral complexion of public action, toward impatience with an honesty that is incorruptible, toward all infidelity in relation to public interests have been almost too strong for the strong man to stem; and here and there have so swelled as to counterbalance and even to make head against his influence. But for many years he has stood like a fortress against the assaults of wrong, or fought as the leading orator the word battles of truth and righteousness. He lived in an atmosphere of convictions, and is an exemplar in that regard. Beside him how contemptible and weak appear the public men who are destitute of conscience and convictions? How their moral stature dwarfs when placed by the side of his. Yet this Senator who fed upon high sentiments of righteousness and truth, is not altogether the present standard. And it is a pity for our land that it is so. He will be yet. But it seems, deplorably, to be too much they who look down rather than up, who creep instead of aspiring, who regard convictions as against self interest as clear nonsense, that are traveling the road to present success. I deal not with the question whether Charles Sumner was in all respects a pattern as a private man. But as he was impelled by conscientious views of public duty, as he wrought against wind and tide in loyalty to his insight into truth, as he defied the contaminations of vulgar party politics, as he braved sneers and detraction and risked success in defence of principle, he is so far a guide thrice worthy of being followed by all young men to-day. When the fever for gain now upon us subsides, and the sentiment of patriotism takes the place of the spirit of reckless jobbing, we shall be thankful for his example of high-mindedness and his stern public virtue. Then his figure will loom up more loftily than now, while the forms of the abject men who only hunt for fortune will dwindle till they become invisible, and the future historian shall scarcely find their skulking forms among the eminent men of our day.

STYLE IN WRITING.

The best writer is he who can convey the clearest thoughts in the shortest space. Some writers so hide their thoughts in useless words that it becomes a task after you have read a column to comprehend its meaning. Ornament in style is good when it beautifies the thoughts advanced; it is inexcusable when it covers them from sight. A writer, before he touches a pen, should first get a clear idea of the subject he is to handle; this well understood, his next effort should be to say what he has to say in the fewest words possible. We would not have a single thought dwarfed by a stingy use of language; but even this would be better than to see it choked out of existence by a superabundance of words. Write to the point, and when you have reached it, stop. It requires severe mental training to acquire that simplicity of expression which conveys to us the grandest thoughts in the fewest words, yet it is within the province of all to approach if not to equal it. It has been said that it is more difficult to abridge an article or to write a short article well than to present the same thoughts in double the space. When Queen Ann told Dr. South that his sermon had only one fault—that of being too short—he replied that he should have made it shorter if he had more time. Let our writers—especially those of the press—boil down their efforts before they present them to the public. In this fast age the man who can say the best things in the shortest space is not far removed from a public benefactor.

☞"What," exclaimed the fashionable Fitzwiggle to the exquisite Miss De La Sparrowgrass, "what would you be, dearest, if I should press the stamp of love upon those sealing wax lips?" "I," responded the fairy like creature, "should be—stationery."

☞An old lady hearing some one reading about a Congressman at large, rushed to the kitchen door, shouting: "Sarah Jane! Sarah Jane! don't leave the clothes out all night; mind, I tell you, for there's a Congressman at large!"

☞We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which it was weaving when the sun went down, it will be weaving when it comes up to morrow.

☞Conscience is a great ledger, in which all our offences are written and registered, and which time reveals to the sense and feeling of the offender.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1874.

No mistake this time about the death of Dr. Livingstone. His dead body is on the way to England, where it will be buried in Westminster Abby.

THE Ten Hour Bill has finally got referred back to its appropriate committee, where it will no doubt be tinkered in a way to spoil it, and the result will be no ten hour law this year. This is to please the manufacturers.

THE National House of Representatives on Monday passed the bill for increasiug the greenback circulation to $400,000,000, by a vote of 168 to 77, and on Thursday the Senate adopted the same as an amendment to the pending bill for redistribution of the currency. The capitalists and ablest financiers of the country have protested individually and in mass conveution against this measure but all to no purpose.

THE Senatorial question absorbs the attention of the Legislature to the exclusion of other business. Both branches are overrun with lobbyists engineering for their candidates. Members are followed to their hotels and button-holed, and evening gatherings are kept up to compare notes aud talk over the subject. On the whole, the Legislature at this time presents a very singular commingliug of business, politics and policy.

THE praying bands of women still continue their active crusade in the West against rum, and the movement is creating much excitement even here in the East. At Worcester the women have organized the street and saloon praying movement aud are encouraged by some measure of success. In other parts of the State and New England the same plan has been adopted and with varying success according to the place and the perseverance with which the work was followed up.

WEST SPRINGFIELD celebrated its centennial on Wednesday with eloquent addresses and a pleasant reunion of the former and present members of the town. The centennial address of welcome was delivered by J. N. Bagg, and Samuel Parsons of Brooklyn, responded. Rev. Dr. Thomas Vermilye, of New York, the pastor of the First church, 40 years ago, was then introduced as orator of the day, and gave an interesting historical review of the town, which was listened to with close attention for over an hour. A collation was spread in the high school room, of which about 200 persons partook, and then followed the toasts and some excellent after-dinner speeches, with which the commemorative exercises were closed. The young people dedicated the new hall in which the festivities were held by a social dance, the night before.

WHY is it such a great sin for Mr. Dawes to aspire to the Senatorship? Last year the eastern people regretted there were not two U. S. Senators to elect, so that both Boutwell and Dawes could be elected, but they now forget this, and want Mr. Hoar or somebody else. Notwithstanding the denial of Mr. Dawes' alleged bargain with Gen. Butler, it is still insisted that there is a bargain. It does not look like any such trading at the State House, and we are satisfied that the charge is simply a game by which to defeat Mr. Dawes and cheat the Western part of the State out of the honor to which it is justly entitled. If Butler favors Dawes instead of Hoar, Mr. Dawes is not to blame for that. It is because of two seeming evils Gen. Butler chooses the least, believing that one of them will be elected. When Republicans in Mr. Dawes' own district seek to damage him in this way we almost despair of fidelity to the principles of justice, honesty and economy which he so strongly advocates on the floor of Congress.

SPRINGFIELD has had a large temperance convention this week under the direction of the Good Samaritans, and the attendance on it both days showed the interest felt in the subject by the people. The ministers of the city, aided by those from out of town, took an unusually active part in the meetings, and preached some very sound doctrine. One of the daily papers on Monday published a full list of the runsellers in the city, numbering 306, and also the names of those who rented their property and buildings for the business. This gave the convention something to talk about, and one minister offered to give $100 yearly from his salary for the enforcement of the law. Several resolutions were adopted expressing their feeling against the wholesale violation of the law in that city, as exhibited by the above list, and recommending the fortmalon of the Good Samaritan open temperance societies, in every hamlet. When the churches and ministers take hold of the temperance work heartily and consistently then look out for a genuine reform, and the near approach of the millennium.

☞In the Constitutional Convention of Ohio an amendment to the educational article to enable the Legislature to authorize a *pro rata* allowance to denominational schools in distributing the school fund, was voted down—57 to 1.

☞A California newspaper, speaking of a rich mine, says that on discharging a blast a seam of rock about the thickness of man's hand was displayed, so yellow with the precious metal as to be almost solid gold.

The U. S. Senatorship.

The battle for a successor to Senator Sumner commenced at Boston Tuesday. For a week previous the Legislature had been labored with by lobbyists, each of whom had become satisfied that his candidate would make a brilliant show. The friends of Dawes figured up 110 in the House, but expected a considerable minority in the Senate. The result was a great disappointment. In the Senate three ballots were taken, the last resulting as follows:

Whole number of votes,	38
Necessary for a choice,	20
H. L. Dawes had	17
B. R. Curtis,	10
E. R. Hoar,	8
Charles Francis Adams,	2
J. G. Whittier,	1

The House balloted but once, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast,	235
Necessary for a choice,	118
E. R. Hoar had	62
B. R. Curtis,	63
Henry L. Dawes,	61
John E. Sanford,	16
Charles F. Adams,	12
N. P. Banks,	5
Wendell Phillips,	2
W. B. Washburn,	2
Charles Devens, jr.,	1
A. H. Bullock,	1
W. L. Garrison	1
Joshua B. Smith,	1
Charles Hale,	1
John H. Clifford,	1

On Wednesday both branches met in convention, and balloted as follows:

Whole number of votes,	271
Necessary for a choice,	136
Henry L. Dawes had	87
E. Rockwood Hoar,	82
Benjamin R. Curtis,	74
Charles Francis Adams,	15
N. P. Banks,	6
John E. Sanford,	2
Wendell Phillips,	2
John G. Whittier,	1
William Lloyd Garrison,	1
Alexander H. Bullock,	1

In the evening the Republicans held a caucus, but it did not harmonize affairs. The Dawes men stuck to their candidate and the Hoar men to theirs, the speakers stirring up a good deal of bitterness, and at the close they were a little farther apart than at the opening. On Thursday there were two ballots with the following showing on the last:

Whole number of votes 272; necessary for a choice 137. Henry L. Dawes had 92, E. R. Hoar 81, B. R. Curtis 74, C. F. Adams 15, N. P. Banks 6, J. G. Whittier 2, J. E. Sanford 1, William B. Washburn 1.

The vote of Friday was: Dawes 94, Hoar 78, Curtis 74, Adams, 15, Banks 7, Scattering 4.

Mr. Dawes seems to be slowly on the gain. Both Dawes, Hoar and Curtis men seem determined to stick, but a break will come somewhere before long, unless they conclude to fight on that line all summer.

A COUNCIL of Congregational churches for the investigation of the trouble in Plymouth church, convened at Brooklyn Wednesday, and comprises many of the leading men of the Congregational faith in the country, whose deliberations are watched with great interest by the religious community, and their decisions in the matters considered will be accepted as Congregational law. The council was opened Wednesday evening with President Stearns of Amherst college in the chair, and a temporary organization effected. The letter-missive which called the council contained seven questions for them to decide, and Plymouth church was invited to be present by its pastor and delegates, to correct any statements in relation to the trouble in their church that might be made. Already Beecher's private character has been placed under examination, and the council will probably have a long session, and an important one.

THE State has another big job or two on its hands. The Commissioners appointed to do the business estimate the cost of the new Insane Hospital to be built at Danvers at $900,000! which is $250,000 more than the last Legislature provided for. In view of the fact that a new State Prison is to be built, which will cost as much more, and that there is a bill before the Legislature providing for the erection of a Prison for Women, costing some $300,000, the taxpayers of Massachusetts may well begin to enquire when this extravagance is to stop. One would very naturally believe that we are all becoming insane or criminals.

☞Two Detroit girls have been arrested for getting on a locomotive, opening the throttle-valve and starting the machine. They then jumped off, but the engine ran through a freight train, doing $700 damage.

☞On the same day of the death of John P. Hale, a schooner of New Hampshire named in honor of him was dashed in pieces on "Norman's Woe," a rock off Cape Ann. It had previously been a very lucky craft.

☞A man has been fined $10 for attempting to assist divine worship in the Second Advent Church at New Britain, Conn., last Sunday, with a jewsharp, though he defended his action by quotations from the Bible.

☞A New Bedford division of Sons of Temperance has put the union grocery business into practice in connection with the ordinary work of the division. It is doing a business of $700 a month.

☞A fight of United States troops with the Apache Indians in Arizona is reported, in which eleven Indians were killed and three white soldiers wounded.

☞The Committee on the Sumner Memorial for Boston have decided on a statue, or a monumental structure, embracing a statue of the late Senator.

☞Mr. Louis H. Marvel of Fall River, and lately Superintendent of Schools at Sandwich, has been elected Superintendent of Schools at Holyoke.

☞It is proposed in Arkansas to raise $5,000, and start a Grange cotton factory. The Grangers are about seven thousand strong in the State.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

....Fast Day next Thursday.

....William E. Miller has just finished a life-size portrait of the late Major Morgan.

....Services will be held at the Cong. church Fast Day at the usual hour of morning service.

....Copies of a steel-plate portrait of the late Charles Sumner, are for sale by J. H. Jenks at the Post Office.

....The March Magazines are out and the elegant "Aldine" heads the list for beautiful pictures and fine typography.

....An extract from the sermon of Rev. Mr. Fullerton on the death of Charles Sumner may be found on our first page this week.

....Remember the auction of Major Morgan's homestead to-day (Saturday) at 10 o'clock, and of his personal property at 11 o'clock.

....Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Root were agreeably surprised Tuesday evening, by a company of their young friends, and a social evening was passed.

....Bracket-making is all the rage in town among the more ingenious of our young men, and some very elegant and intricate pieces of work have been exhibited.

....At the adjourned meeting of the 2d Cong. Society last week Friday it was voted to build a suitable house for a parsonage on the lot owned by the society east of their church.

....The singing school which George W. Sheldon has been conducting at Ludlow, through the winter, closed Tuesday evening with a concert in the Methodist vestry.

....A fine lot of cattle will be offered for sale at public auction, next Wednesday, by J. K. Knox, together with a ton of tobacco, and 300 bushels of potatoes. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

....Our readers visiting Springfield on business or pleasure will find the Pynchon House Dining rooms near the depot a convenient and pleasant place to procure refreshments for the inner man.

....There are twelve places on Main street, one on Pleasant street, and one or more on River street, in this village, where liquor can be obtained when the constables are not in sight. No wonder the trade is brisk when there is so much competition.

....Those who rue-fully watch the falling away of their early beauty, by the slow disappearance of their hair, should renew their youth by a trial of Rue's celebrated Hair Tonic, which is highly spoken of, for sale by J. L. Rue, the barber over Hitchcock's shoe-shop.

....The Ware River train lately brought down a party of prominent citizens of Barre, with their wives, to the number of about fifty, en route for Boston, which place some of them visited for the first time. They put up at the Quincy House, and enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

... The Old Folks' Concert Troupe made a surprise call on Mrs. I. S. Wood, at the American House, last Saturday evening, bringing refreshments and enjoying a jolly good time. Before leaving they made Mrs. Wood a present of a fine lamp, Mr. George Robinson making the presentation speech.

....Two overseers of the poor elected at the annual meeting refuse to accept their offices, and therefore a special town meeting will be necessary to elect two men to fill the vacancy, and a warrant in another column calls for such a meeting on the 6th of April next, and to see what action the town will take toward borrowing money.

...."Ye Olde Folkes' Spellin' Skule," at the Cong. vestry Thursday evening, was well attended, and the spellin' was unique, creating great sport among the audience. The supper of "biled victuals" which followed was served in old style dishes, and in the style of our ancestors. The profits of the "skuie" amounted to $110, which will go toward the purchase of an organ for the church.

....The Young People's Literary Club had an unusually interesting meeting Wednesday evening, and proposes hereafter to make their meetings as attractive and profitable as possible. Next week will be the quarterly election of officers and a full attendance is desired. For April 8th, besides the usual music, recitations and readings there will be a debate on the question, "Resolved, That the reading of the Bible in our public schools is beneficial and ought to be enforced."

....The Hyers Sisters drew a very good house for their concert on Friday evening of last week. Their program, however, was not so well rendered, as it has been in other places, and many were disappointed, especially as they had no piano accompaniment, as was promised. The vestry is a poor place for such a concert, and a majority of the audience would have liked it much better if they had sung more of their "spiritual" plantation songs, instead of the more operatic airs.

....Dr. E. P. Dupree, the eminent New York chiropodist, closed his second very successful engagement in Palmer on Saturday last. During his short stay, he was visited by many well-known citizens, a number coming from a distance to be cured of their painful feet troubles. He has been operating this week in Ware, giving universal satisfaction. We have no hesitation in endorsing Dr. Dupree, as he has operated in our family, with the most gratifying results. Our readers in Monson and vicinity, will have an opportunity of seeing him next week, as he will be at the Cushman House on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Those who suffer in any way with sore feet, will do well to give him a call, as such a chance does not often occur.

....At a meeting of the Reform Club Monday evening, speeches were made by "Uncle" Daniel Charter, Mr. Danforth, and Mrs. Wm. Merriam, of Springfield. Mr. Charter, who is a reformed man, and one of the most efficient workers in the cause in the city of Springfield, made a stirring and spicy address, in which he took occasion to rebuke members of churches who drink, or rent their property for the sale of liquor; Danforth, who is also a reformed man, had a very pompous manner, and talked at considerable length, but made very little impression upon the audience, and Mrs. Merriam, who is well-known to our readers, made a "few remarks." The next meeting of the club will be held tomorrow evening in the vestry, and all are invited.

DISTRICT COURT.

The court since our last issue has fined Ann Malony $5 and costs for an assault, which she paid and was discharged.——John Williams, a young colored boy employed by Dr. Holbrook, was arraigned for stealing $30 from a lady visitor at the Doctor's, and in default of $500 bonds was committed to jail to await the action of the higher court.

WARREN.

D. N. Morgan, president of the North American Life Insurance Company at New York, has purchased the "Cyrus Fay" place in Warren and will fit it up for a summer residence.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

John P. Cady has sold his place in this village to Asa L Howlett of Stafford, Ct., for $1500.——W. W. Stimson has sold his house, built last season, to Roswell P. Root, for $1000. Mr. Root has also bought Joseph W. Stimson's blacksmith shop, which is contiguous to his place, for $700, and will establish and carry on the blacksmith business at the old established shop known as the "Cunningham shop."——Lyman Kellogg has sold his farm "on the Scantic" to Mr. O. Davis, for $3200.——Amos Hines has exchanged his place in the village with Henry Stimson for his farm known as the "Stantou place."——Jos. W. Stimson and family have left town and removed to Windsor Locks, Conn. Henry and Warren W. Stimson are expecting to leave during the spring.——Henry Dickinson has leased his farm, tools and stocks to John Mulroney.——Rev. E. B. Chamberlain and family have left for Sharon, Vt., his new field of labor. He supplied the desk here last Sabbath and will the coming by Rev. Mr. Pettibone, his proxy.——There were eight persons propounded for admission to the Cong. church last Sabbath. Thirty have joined the Methodist church on "six months' trial," as the phrase is, and thirteen of them were baptized in the M. E. church last Sabbath.——At the parish meeting of the Cong. society, held the 25th, G. T. Ballard, Sumner Sessions and Cyrus Lee were chosen parish and supplying committee; Mortimer Pease, clerk; Marcus Beebe, treasurer. The society voted unanimously to hear candidates for settlement, and the applications begin to come in, three having been received, and still they come.

S. W.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....Rev. W. G. Tuttle of Ware Center exchanged with Rev. W. D. Brown of Gilbertville last Sabbath.

....Union services will be held at the Cong. church on Fast Day, at 1.30 P. M., with preaching by Rev. W. M. Ayres.

....Dr. Charles Jewett gave another temperance lecture at Music Hall, Wednesday evening, to a good audience. As usual his address was instructive as well as interesting, and listened to with deep interest.

....A large number of our young men attended the funeral of Freeman A. Smith of Palmer, on Sunday afternoon, who was a former member of the Young Men's Debating Society, and highly esteemed by his associates in that organization.

....At the annual meeting of the East Cong. Society, held at the Chapel Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Clerk, Geo. K. Cutler; Treasurer, Otis Lane; Parish Committee, S. B. Bond, Geo. W. Winslow, Sanford Snow.

....The semi-weekly religious services at the school-house in District No. 9, Hardwick, conducted by the Ware Mission Band, continue to be of marked interest and in view of the scattered population representing the district, are largely attended. About sixty were present last Sabbath evening.

....At the adjourned town meeting, Monday afternoon, a new election of town officers was held in part, viz: one Assessor, two selectmen, and the board of overseers. Those offices are now filled as follows: Selectmen, Chas. E. Blood, J. H. Pepper and J. Tyler Stevens; Assessors, Seth Pierce, Benj. Davis, Thos. F. Sherman; Overseers of the Poor; Chas. E. Blood, Ozias B. Owen, Samuel Morse. The sum of $1,200 was appropriated for fitting up rooms in the school-house on South and High streets.

....Henry Connell has been appointed by the selectmen as railroad police officer, a part of whose duties may be gathered from Section 4th, of the act which provides for the establishment of such an office by the State. "Officers of the railroad police may preserve order within and about the premises and upon the cars of the corporation upon whose petition they are appointed, they may arrest without written warrant, all idle, intoxicated or disorderly persons frequenting such premises or cars, and obstructing or annoying by their presence or conduct, or by profane or indecent language or behavior, the traveling public using the same, and may take the persons so arrested to the police station or other place of lawful detention."

....A Temperance Reform Club was organized at the Methodist church last Saturday evening, with a constitution essentially the same as the one proposed by Mr. J. K. Osgood, the Maine Temperance reformer, at the close of his lecture the previous evening. The following officers were elected: President, Wm. E. Lewis; Vice Presidents, John D. Grant, Samuel Lockhart, M. J. Keefe; Secretary, J. W. Clark; Treasurer, E. Howard Baker; Chaplain, Geo. E. Winslow; Committee of Ways and Means, Geo. D. Marland, Daniel C. Gates, John F. Mott; Visiting Committee, Wm. E. Lewis, Sandford Snow, Otis Lane, Geo. E. Winslow, Eli Hilton. About 75 names have already been enrolled upon the pledge, and it is to be hoped that much good may by accomplished for the cause of temperance by this organization. The next meeting of the club will be held at the Grand Army Hall this (Saturday) evening.

....The sociable of the Masonic fraternity at their beautiful hall in Sandford's block, Wednesday evening, was an occasion of rich enjoyment to the large number gathered there—upwards of 100 in all, including Masons and their families, as well as invited guests. An interesting feature of the evening's entertainment, was the presentation of an envelope containing greenbacks to the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Ayers, by members of the fraternity through their representative, F. D. Richards Esq. This was evidently a complete surprise to the recipient, who followed the presentation with a brief address of thanks, expressive of the kindliest feelings toward his many friends in Ware, and regret at being called upon to leave so soon the place endeared to himself and family by so many pleasant associations. Refreshments were served later in the evening, followed by singing and social chat, after which the company separated.

....The meetings which have been held here during the week under the direction of the State Executive Committee of Y. M. C. Associations, and conducted for the most part by K. A. Burnell and his associates from abroad, have been of a most interesting and impressive character and very largely attended. The opening services were held at the Methodist church on Monday forenoon, and conducted by Rev. W. M. Ayers, the afternoon, meeting being held at the same place and led by A. Ferry of Belchertown. The evening services, both on Monday and Tuesday, were necessarily held in the Cong. church to accommodate all who wished to attend, and were conducted by brethren from abroad. Quite a number of young people rose for prayers each evening. The closing services were held at the Chapel Wednesday morning, conducted by Joseph Brigham of Springfield. A pleasing feature of these meetings has been the united efforts of the pastors and members of different churches in this place, all entering heartily into the work. The earnest words of encouragement and cheer from the lips of those coming to us from other places did not a little to sustain a deep interest throughout the entire services, and cannot be doubted that great good will follow the efforts of these zealous workers in the Master's vineyard. Among those participating in the exercises of this occasion, not already mentioned, may be noticed Messrs. Breck and Clapp of Northampton, J. H. Foulds of Springfield, Mr. Denny of Leicester, Messrs. Ball and Sagendoph of Spencer, Mr. Smith of Westfield, Rev. E. W. Merritt of Hardwick, Rev. Edwin Smith of Barre, besides many of our own people, both clergymen and lay workers.

Around the County.

—Mt. Holyoke female seminary re-opened on Thursday.

—An extensive religious revival is in progress at the Chicopee Methodist church.

—The First church at Westfield appropriates $1150 for music and $2000 for pastor's salary.

—Father Healey of Chicopee has expelled from the Catholic school in that city, all the girls who attended a recent ball during Lent.

—Mr. Fitzgibbons of Holyoke has accepted the position of instructor to the Irish temperance band of Hartford at $600 for a year's tuition.

—State Constable Maxwell is causing the rum-sellers of Springfield a great deal of uneasiness by constant visits to their dens and seizure of their stock in trade. He made five seizures in one day recently, alone and unaided.

☞The colored people of Bridgeport, Conn., are indignant because their children are not allowed equal school privileges with the whites, but crowded into a room by themselves where all ages and abilities come under one teacher.

☞An error has been discovered in the schedule of Jay Cooke & Co., by which their assets are reduced about one million and a half dollars. There was a mistake to that amount in their account with the Northern Pacific Railroad.

☞In Oskaloosa, Iowa, Mrs. Comstock has enlisted in the cause of the runsellers. She goes from saloon to saloon, encouraging the proprietors to present a bold front to the crusaders.

☞Alabama consumes over $23,000,000 worth of whiskey and other liquors annually, and uses about 60,000,000 bushels of grain in the manufactures of various fermented and distilled liquors.

☞When you see a woman winding her watch in a horse-car you may make up your mind that she has not had a watch very long.

☞A Kentucky brute deliberately shot a girl through the head in Clay county, in that State, recently, because he became enraged at her jokes.

DISASTROUS FIRES.—Three disastrous fires on Monday destroyed property valued at nearly a million dollars. The first, at New Britain, Conn., destroyed the Ætna Cutlery works. A large number of girls with difficulty escaped from the upper story, through the windows. The whole building was consumed in less than two hours, the fire department, aided by an engine from Hartford, confined the flames to the works where they originated. Loss, $600,000. Over 400 men were thrown out of employment. The fire is thought to have been incendiary. The factory is to be immediately rebuilt.——The second was near New Hamburg, N. Y., and destroyed the Van Rensselaer mansion, owned by Jas. H. Ingersoll, of the Tammany ring. Loss $100,000. Ingersoll's son-in-law, the only occupant, escaped with slight burns, by jumping from a second-story window.——The third, at Elgin, Ill., burned several fine blocks, and caused a loss of $147,000. Insurance light.——A fire broke out Tuesday evening, in Oliver Diston & Co's music store, on Washington street, Boston, and damaged the building and stock to the extent of $70,000, the greatest injury being done by water, with which the place was completely deluged.——Tuesday morning a fire in a Philadelphia ship-yard burned a fine brick structure used as a machine shop, valued at $50,000, and ruined machinery valued at $100,000.——Another fire at Jersey City the same morning consumed $100,000 worth of property.——Still another, at Elmira, N. Y., caused the destruction of a hotel and several stores. Damage over $200,000.

A FAMILY MURDERED.—A family of five persons, who lived near Centerville, St. Clair county, Ill., were murdered last week. The names of the victims are Fritz Stelzenriede, aged 80 years, his son and daughter-in-law, and two small children, one an infant. Their dead bodies were discovered about 6 o'clock Friday evening. The throats of the two men were cut, and the skulls of the women and children crushed in. The house is some distance from any other dwelling. It is charged that the husband of a sister of Mrs. Stelzenriede committed the deed, and he has been arrested, but refuses to say anything in reference to the horrible deed.

ANOTHER HORROR.—The tow boat Crescent City, from New Orleans to St. Louis, having in tow five freight barges, one full barge and a trading boat, laden with ten tons of sugar, blew up early Tuesday morning ten miles below Memphis, Tenn. The upper part of the boat was blown to atoms, and she sunk in three minutes. The barges were all consumed by fire. Ten persons were almost instantly killed, and four wounded. The boat was valued at $70,000.

FISH STORY.—We always liked fish stories, consequently we are bound to believe that Wm. Sim, a Scotchman, lost at sea in 1835, lost his Bible also at that time, and that a codfish has recently been caught in whose stomach was found a small Bible bearing the name of Wm. Sim, and the date 1830. That pocket Bible had tormented that fish's indigestion for 40 years, and is a very good Bible yet,

☞Maggie Daniels, about eight years of age, daughter of Edward Daniels of Gloucester, died on Thursday from the effects of jumping rope, having jumped 200 times in succession.

☞The patentee of the punch now used by the passenger railroad companies makes over $50,000 per annum, he receiving a royalty of twenty cents a day for each punch in use.

☞A great Newfoundland dog got rabid in Boston and ran into a house, where he was at once left to himself. Before he was shot he broke mirrors and furniture worth $500.

☞Onarga, Ill., has not had a single liquor or beer saloon for eight years, although it has a population of eighteen hundred. But perhaps the next town has enough for both.

☞Michigan ought to be happy. A resolution has been offered in the Senate that in view of the large balance in the State treasury no tax be levied for 1874.

☞A pickpocket recently arrested in Rochester defended himself by saying that he was only searching the man's pocket for proof of frauds against the Government.

☞The ladies of Chelsea propose to hold a temperance meeting on Fast day. If they succeed in reclaiming fast people, this would be good use to devote the day to.

☞Is it the dawning of the millennium? In Baltimore on St. Patrick's Day two negro companies paraded, and in Memphis an Italian society was in the procession.

☞A Western paper says that it costs $13,000 to be Governor of Rhode Island, and inclines to the opinion that it would be better to buy the State outright.

☞Small as is Rhode Island there are 213,278 acres of unimproved land within its borders, of which 169,399 acres are wood land.

☞The Minnesota tinners are holding competitions. One of them can make a dozen six-quarts pans in thirty-three minutes.

☞The Irish Nationalist, a San Francisco paper, was printed in green, St Patrick's Day.

☞There was another strike of 900 men on the Erie Railway on Wednesday.

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After the New Year's Ball.

They sat in the chamber together,
Brushing out their curls,
Bessie and Nell and Alice,
The fairest of all fair girls.

Talking in sweet girl fashion
Of the conquests made that night—
Of which was the most becoming,
Scarlet or blue or white.

All around them lay silks and laces,
And jewels such as girls love,
A velvet carpet below them,
And frescoed ceiling above.

All shut away from the chilly night,
And the pitiless winter storm,
In the dainty-lighted chamber,
Snug, and cosy, and warm.

But Kitty, fairest of them all,
If fairest there could be
Sits quiet, smiling to herself,
And blushes, plain to see.

Upon her soft cheeks come and go—
As when the day is done
The red clouds cover all the sky,
At setting of the sun.

Ah! Kittie, thinking of that last,
That happy waltz with him—
You could have danced it till the morn
Broke in the mountains dim.

'Tis that which brings those blushes to
Your cheeks so soft and round,
Which, when you speak, gives to your voice
That low and happy sound.

Ah! Bessie, and Nell, and Alice,
One thing I think is clear,
You'll not have Kittie with you
After the ball next year. C. H. M.
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BY ALBERT WILLIAMS, JR.

I am a practical, mechanical engineer. Not one of these youngsters who go to a scientific school for a few years, and take a C. E., M. E., or something of the kind, and then put on airs about it. They always affect to snub us practical men, but we rather get into them when it comes to real work. Of course, these chaps are well enough in their way—and that isn't mine—in getting up artistic drawings and models, and all that sort of thing. And sometimes they are of some account. There was young Hoppin, who helped me with that toggle-joint. I originated the idea; he put it into shape. I made enough to retire on it, and I did the square thing by him, if he was a "scientific man," so I feel perfectly free to speak my mind about the lot, always excepting my friend Hoppin.

But this isn't telling my story. There is my wife, Bessie—bless her little heart always saying I can't come to the point without as many twists and turns as my own old machinery. Perhaps she is right. But then, this is the first time I ever tried to express myself in print, and I don't exactly know how to go about it, so you must excuse me. That's reasonable, isn't it? And besides, I am getting so stout and logy-like, that I ain't as sharp as I used to be. My young acquaintance, who is an editor, or some equally useless member of society, has roped me into this scrape, and ought to help me out; but he doesn't. All he says is, "Fire away, old man, and make it short and sweet." I'm afraid this isn't telling my story, either. Prolixity—that's the word—comes sort of natural-like to me now.

Let me see. It was sixteen years ago this summer that I came to New York in search of employment. I had been running an engine in a big tannery in the western part of the State and doing first-rate, till the company failed, and I was thrown out of work. So I was looking about town for something to do. Money-onage so low that I was ready for anything after a fortnight of searching and waiting. I happened to be walking through a down-town cross street, when I saw a placard in the window of a paper box factory—"ENGINEER WANTED. GOOD SALARY." "That's just me," says I, so I went into the office and asked if I would do. The manager said he would try me. He did try me, and it seems I must have satisfied him, for he told me to stay.

First, then, the manager, Mr. Samuel Harkness, also sole owner of the factory. This Mr. Samuel Harkness was the greatest villain I ever came across. He's dead now, poor man, and I hate to speak ill of those who are gone, because, you see, it's much the same as chiseling behind a man's back; but he was a villain all the same. Not one of your story-book villains, either. I have read lots of novels, romances, and such stuff, lately, but I haven't seen anything about their villains that applies to my villain. Their's were, invariably, thin, dark men; of lithe, serpentine motion, with yellow faces, straight, black hair, and deep-set, fugitive eyes. Some of the evil one cropping out at every point. Why, Lord bless you, you'd recognize this kind of a villain soon as you clapped eyes on him, just as you would a patent machine, with every bit of metal labeled.

My villain wasn't tall, wasn't dark at all; was tolerably stout, in face, and well-to-do looking; didn't squirm a bit; and, to cut this description short, was just like most anybody else you meet. When I engaged under him of course I didn't know anything about his villainy. How could I? He wasn't labeled.

And now the factory itself. It was a somewhat dilapidated, five-story brick concern. Engine in cellar—most every manufacturer had his own power then, instead of just belting on to the one big engine in the block as they do now; office and sample first floor; clipping and folding machines, second floor; girls pasting, sorting and trimming, on third floor; stock of all sorts on the fourth and fifth. We used to turn out an immense deal of work with a very few hands. There were twenty-five or so girls, the manager, his clerk and office boy, a man to hoist and do odd jobs, the fireman and myself. Except when stock was taken in, or work sent out, there was nobody else in the building.

I generally kept to my own business, and staid down in the cellar, nursing the old engine. She sadly needed it, being as rickety and patched-up contrivance as one cares to stay alongside of. She always reminded me of some old people you see, who are always in need of a pectoral for a cough, or a liniment for rheumatism, or something or other. This engine of mine was in such a state that she always wanted easing somewhere; a rivet here, a plug there, new stuffing, more felting, or a band around the whole boiler. From boiler to fly-wheel she was rickety, rickety. But there was no present danger to be apprehended; as all was safe enough with proper care and attention all the time.

But if I was so occupied, I could not help meeting the girls now and then in the passageway. Most of them were of the common sort—coarse, vulgar creatures, that I could never abide. But there was one little pale-faced girl I took to straight off. She wasn't a bit like the others, and seemed as nice and quiet, and lady-like, as they were noisy and common. As I said, I took to her, and she—well, she didn't altogether snub me. We got to be fast friends soon.

She told me the tale of her sad life; how her father had been a prosperous mechanic, and they had lived in such a dear little home; how her father died, and left her, a mere mite of a thing, in charge of her feeble mother and baby sister; and how she contrived to get along and keep grim famine from the door on the pittance of her earnings.

Whenever I could, without making a fuss, I helped them along a little. And when we got acquainted, I used to hurry through my work so as to be able to see her home every day after six o'clock. Sometimes, too, we used to go to concerts and lectures together; and very often I found time to visit them all of an evening. I hadn't said a word of love to her yet, but was waiting till my wages were increased enough to enable me to keep a home of my own, and then ask her to fill it. Of her state of feeling toward me I knew nothing except that she looked upon and trusted me as a brother.

One thing used to vex me, though, and that was the sneaking sort of liking that Harkness seemed to have for her; and worse, he showed it plainly enough by the way he persecuted her with his odious attention whenever he got the chance. She told me she would leave the place if she could only get another.

I have said that it was sixteen years ago that I entered the box factory. If you will take the trouble to subtract, you will find that it makes 1857. It puts us just in the year of the great financial crash. I had been in the factory about three months, and was getting used to the general run of things; and although it was out of my line, and none of my business, I could not but notice how slack trade seemed to be. Rumors of failures up the street, down the street, on the corner, at Nos. 35 and 37, over the way, met my eyes. Rumors of failures past and failures to come. Rumors of great distress east, west and south. Rumors of a threatened general smash-up. Money men tell me that when the market is tight, it only such a wholesale panic to bring down every one. It is the apprehension, not the reality that does the work. But this is not telling my story either.

Well, old Harkness kept on with his manufacturing, though I could see that day by day, fewer calls for work were made. He always wore a cheerful smile through those troublesome times, as much as to say, "Look at me, if you want to see a model man of business. I don't speculate, I don't get involved. Mark my consequent prosperity."

Now when I see a man with a good deal of bluster and swagger about him, I always make up my mind that he is a coward at heart. And when some people parade their financial soundness, the Wall street animals always snuff rotteness somewhere. It must have been on this principle that I began to suspect that Harkness wasn't so safe after all.

One night I was delayed by an unexpected break-down in the gearing, and stayed in my cellar long after the girls, the clerk, and the fireman were gone, hard at work tinkering at the engine. No one was in the factory but Harkness and myself. I do not think he suspected my presence. As I was taking off my overhalls and fixing up, I heard a heavy dray come up to our door. There were four or five men with it, who were not our regular cartmen. They jumped out, were let in through the half closed doors of the main floor above me, and were led up stairs by Harkness. Presently they re-appeared, bearing cases of various kinds of stock, fancy paper, gilding stuff, light machinery, and different odds and ends, with which they loaded the dray, and then drove off again. All was done in such a quiet, mysterious way, that it was evident that something wrong was being done. What could it be? The men were not robbers, for there was Mr. Harkness, and he sole owner of the factory. A man does not commit a larceny on his property. I couldn't make it out at all.

I started to go. Just as I entered the office below, Harkness came in by the passage-way door from the floor above. He started perceptibly when he saw me, but instantly regained his composure and said, as cool as you please:

"Ah! you're late, Bill. What's wrong to-day? Hope you won't blow us up for a week or so yet. We're doing a staving business, Bill." I think I see him now washing his hands with invisible soap in imperceptible water, with that self-satisfied, hypocritical leer on his face. "Just sent a load of fine boxes down to the Winged Arrow. She sails to-morrow, so we had to ship in a hurry.—Fine boxes; and a beautiful vessel, Bill.—Good night to you."

"Good night, sir," said I, and left.

As I went up the street, another dray passed driven towards the factory. I had the curiosity to turn and watch to see whether it, too, stopped there. It did, and when I reached the corner of Broadway, I stopped and looked back once more. There, in a darkening twilight, the same process of hurried loading was being repeated. It seemed to be all right. Harkness was there, but somehow I wasn't quite satisfied. Trimming machines are not fine assorted gilt-edged boxes, by any manner of means, you know. And I knew it, too, though very like, old Harkness didn't give me credit for being so well posted. Well, if I couldn't settle the question, the next best thing was to give it up. And give it up, I did.

Next morning I went over, as usual, to the factory. Jim, the stoker, opened the doors always, he had to be early to tend to the fires, which we banked every night. I expected to see Jim, but was much surprised when I saw Harkness. This time it was he who came through the cellar door and I through the other. As before, we met unexpectedly. Now it was my turn to be surprised. He was intensely pale, and seemed much agitated. With a strong effort of the will he strove to conceal his strange manner. He endeavored to speak calmly, and half succeeded.

"Bill," said he, "Jim has tended to the engine, and it's all right; come outside with me, I want to talk to you."

He turned to the cellar door, and shouted: "Jim, come up, come up at once. Run over to Mr. Brent's house—you know where that is—and tell him not to discount that bill to-day. Be quick!"

"Yes, sir, coming," sung out Jim, leisurely.

Suddenly he tore up the cellar steps. His face was ten shades paler than Harkness', an expression of horror was fixed on his features—an expression of agony and fear that I never shall forget. It haunts me still. It will stay by me till my dying day. Poor fellow, he's gone, too, since then.

Jim hardly stopped in his wild flight, as he hoarsely whispered, rather than cried: "Hundred and ten on the steam guage!—Safety-valve clogged!! Run for your very lives!!!"

I took in the situation at once. Terrible the danger was. The old boiler registered at eighty pounds to the square inch, but we never dared run higher than thirty. And a hundred and ten! We were standing directly over it, while I hesitated, the pressure must be steadily increasing. It flashed upon me that there might be no more danger in jumping down and pressing the safety-valve, than in running away, and in spite of the awful panic, I had a prejudice against running.

I looked down from the door-way, upon the trembling, panting, struggling steam demon beneath. The safety-valve apparatus was in plain sight.

From the end of the lever hung several huge links of chain.

I don't think I'm a coward—usually, at least, I know I'm not. But that evidence of villainy took me all back. I staggered and clung feebly to the lintel for support. The words seemed forced out of me, and not uttered with my volition:

"You scoundrel! You'd steal your insurance, would you?"

A sudden, vindictive push sent me headlong. As I fell I heard a demoniac laugh.

"Peach, if you want to!"

And the door swung to with a click of the spring lock.

At the foot of the steps was an open trap, the sub-cellar hatch. The distance was so great that I had time to notice all this. Would it hurt me much when I struck? Would it kill me outright?

And that was all.

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When I came to, I found myself in a well-remembered room. Bessie, my Bessie now, hung tenderly over me, waiting for the light of reason to appear in my fevered eyes.

All was soon told. The boiler must have burst the very moment I struck. Harkness was killed by a flying piece of machinery; the would-be murderer had exchanged places with his victim, for I, strange as it may seem, was dug out of the ruins alive, and got off with only a broken arm. God forgive him.

Bessie insists that if it hadn't been for the accident, I should never have "spoken out." So, after all, it was a blessing in disguise.—*Wood's Household Magazine.*

JOSH BILLINGS' SPICE-BOX.

Most every one luvs to listen to slander, but thare aint but phew but what despise the author ov it.

I meet a great menny men whoze talk iz like a buutch of fire crackers when they are first touched oph, full ov pop for a fu minnits, and then all iz over.

Without munny, without friends, and without impudence, iz about az low down in this world az enuy man kan git, and keep virtuous.

After a man has passed the age ov 57 about all he kan find to talk about and to brag on, iz that he has got more pains and akes than enny ov the rest ov his nabors.

Thare iz nothing that a man iz so certain ov az he iz ov what he sees, and yet thare iz nothing after all that deceives him oftener.

Beware ov the man who iz alwuzz reddy to swop old friends for new ones.

The dog that will phollow everybody aint worth a kuss.

When I pla whist I alwuzz like a phool for a partuer, for they do hold such good hands.

I have had people set down bi mi side, and konfidenshally undertake to explain sumthing to me of great importanse, and after talking 85 minnits hi the watch, I not only didn't kno what they had been trieing to tell, but had forgot a good deal that I knew before.

One ov the most perfekt viktorys yu kan achieve over enny man iz to beat him in politeness.

Young man, yu had better be honest than cunning, and it iz hard work to be both.

I kant tell exakly what's the matter ov me, but i am allwuss just a leetle shy ov the woman who wears her hair kut short.

It ought to kure the pride of enny man when he reflekts that there aint no one living but what owes more to the world than the world owes to him.

To be familiar with every one and preserve your respekt and there esteem, iz an evidence of the most remarkyble tallents.

The grate mistake that meny people make iz to think that they waz made before the world waz instead ov since.

☞"There are people," said a gentleman to a friend, "who never see an afflicted person but they pray to Heaven to be delivered from a similar infirmity. Now I never see a blind man without praying to be deaf." "Why?" "Because I am conscious that he is going to play a clarionet or hand-organ to me."

☞Never abandon your hopes. Hope is often better than enjoyment. Hope is the cause as well as the effect of youth. It is certainly a very pleasing and healthy passion. A hopeless person is deserted by himself; and he who forsakes himself is soon forsaken by friend and fortune.

☞"Mrs. Hopkins, why don't you sprinkle ashes on your icy sidewalks like Mrs. Bedan, your opposite neighbor, for the benefit of passers by, and so imitate the good Samaritan?" "Let passers-by imitate the Priest and Levite, and pass by on the other side."

CHARLES SUMNER.

[Extract from a sermon preached by Rev. B. M. Fullerton at the Cong. Church, Palmer.]

Psalm 92:12. "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree." The leaf-stalks and leaves grow at a great height—"as far as possible from earth, and as near as possible to heaven." The palm grows up out of the earth, has its roots in the mould, but aspires heavenward with all its life-like force. Men are related to the world. Nor ought they to seek severance from it. But our natures were not made for creepers. We need not trail along the ground. The good man pushes upward, seeks to lift his head into the region of unobstructed vision. He rises above the world's mere follies to the realm where high sentiments take hold upon men's souls. * * In these days a deal of mercenariness and mere materialism is rife. The nobler sentiments are held too much in abeyance. Patriotism and honor are often by-words. A dollar is more potent than a conviction. * * A man has just died who swayed for a long period the councils of this nation. Whatever may be our individual judgment of his practical statesmanship, energy and calumny themselves will be silent when the claim is made for him that he acted from high convictions of duty. His life thrust itself into these later years of our history as a sort of protest against a wrong standard of political action. According to much that was influential in those standards he was conspicuous for his folly. He strode to his high place in the national councils by sheer ability to maintain high and precious convictions, in spite and in the midst of immense time-serving and venality all around him. Of late the currents setting toward indifference to the moral complexion of public action, toward impatience with an honesty that is incorruptible, toward all infidelity in relation to public interests have been almost too strong for the strong man to stem; and here and there have so swelled as to counterbalance and even to make head against his influence. But for many years he has stood like a fortress against the assaults of wrong, or fought as the leading orator the word battles of truth and righteousness. He lived in an atmosphere of convictions, and is an exemplar in that regard. Beside him how contemptible and weak appear the public men who are destitute of conscience and convictions? How their moral stature dwarfs when placed by the side of his. Yet this Senator who fed upon high sentiments of righteousness and truth, is not altogether the present standard. And it is a pity for our land that it is so. He will be yet. But it seems, deplorably, to be too much they who look down rather than up, who creep instead of aspiring, who regard convictions as against self interest as clear nonsense, that are traveling the road to present success. I deal not with the question whether Charles Sumner was in all respects a pattern as a private man. But as he was impelled by conscientious views of public duty, as he wrought against wind and tide in loyalty to his insight into truth, as he defied the contaminations of vulgar party politics, as he braved sneers and detraction and risked success in defence of principle, he is so far a guide thrice worthy of being followed by all young men to-day. When the fever for gain now upon us subsides, and the sentiment of patriotism takes the place of the spirit of reckless jobbing, we shall be thankful for his example of high-mindedness and his stern public virtue. Then his figure will loom up more loftily than now, while the forms of the abject men who only hunt for fortune will dwindle till they become invisible, and the future historian shall scarcely find their skulking forms among the eminent men of our day.

STYLE IN WRITING.

The best writer is he who can convey the clearest thoughts in the shortest space. Some writers so hide their thoughts in useless words that it becomes a task after you have read a column to comprehend its meaning. Ornament in style is good when it beautifies the thoughts advanced; it is inexcusable when it covers them from sight. A writer, before he touches a pen, should first get a clear idea of the subject he is to handle; this well understood, his next effort should be to say what he has to say in the fewest words possible. We would not have a single thought dwarfed by a stingy use of language; but even this would be better than to see it choked out of existence by a superabundance of words. Write to the point, and when you have reached it, stop. It requires severe mental training to acquire that simplicity of expression which conveys to us the grandest thoughts in the fewest words, yet it is within the province of all to approach if not to equal it. It has been said that it is more difficult to abridge an article or to write a short article well than to present the same thoughts in double the space. When Queen Ann told Dr. South that his sermon had only one fault—that of being too short—he replied that he should have made it shorter if he had more time. Let our writers—especially those of the press—boil down their efforts before they present them to the public. In this fast age the man who can say the best things in the shortest space is not far removed from a public benefactor.

☞"What," exclaimed the fashionable Fitzwiggle to the exquisite Miss De La Sparrowgrass, "what would you be, dearest, if I should press the stamp of love upon those sealing wax lips?" "I," responded the fairy like creature, "should be—stationery."

☞An old lady hearing some one reading about a Congressman at large, rushed to the kitchen door, shouting: "Sarah Jane! Sarah Jane! don't leave the clothes out all night; mind, I tell you, for there's a Congressman at large!"

☞We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which it was weaving when the sun went down, it will be weaving when it comes up to morrow.

☞Conscience is a great ledger, in which all our offences are written and registered, and which time reveals to the sense and feeling of the offender.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1874.

No mistake this time about the death of Dr. Livingstone. His dead body is on the way to England, where it will be burled in Westminster Abby.

THE Ten Hour Bill has finally got referred back to its appropriate committee, where it will no doubt be tinkered in a way to spoil it, and the result will be no ten hour law this year. This is to please the manufacturers.

THE National House of Representatives on Monday passed the bill for increasing the greenback circulation to $400,000,000, by a vote of 168 to 77, and on Thursday the Senate adopted the same as an amendment to the pending bill for redistribution of the currency. The capitalists and ablest financiers of the country have protested individually and in mass convention against this measure but all to no purpose.

THE Senatorial question absorbs the attention of the Legislature to the exclusion of other business. Both branches are overrun with lobbyists engineering for their candidates. Members are followed to their hotels and button-holed, and evening gathcrings are kept up to compare notes and talk over the subject. On the whole, the Legislature at this time presents a very singular commingling of business, politics and policy.

THE praying bands of women still continue their active crusade in the West against rum, and the movement is creating much excitement even here in the East. At Worcester the women have organized the street and saloon praying movement and are encouraged by some measure of success. In other parts of the State and New England the same plan has been adopted and with varying success according to the place and the perseverance with which the work was followed up.

WEST SPRINGFIELD celebrated its centennial on Wednesday with eloquent addresses and a pleasant reunion of the former and present members of the town. The centennial address of welcome was delivered by J. N. Bagg, and Samuel Parsons of Brooklyn, responded. Rev. Dr. Thomas Vermilye, of New York, the pastor of the First church, 40 years ago, was then introduced as orator of the day, and gave an interesting historical review of the town, which was listened to with close attention for over an hour. A collation was spread in the high school room, of which about 200 persons partook, and then followed the toasts and some excellent after-dinner speeches, with which the commemorative exercises were closed. The young people dedicated the new hall in which the festivities were held by a social dance, the night before.

WHY is it such a great sin for Mr. Dawes to aspire to the Senatorship? Last year the eastern people regretted there were not two U. S. Senators to elect, so that both Boutwell and Dawes could be elected, but they now forget this, and want Mr. Hoar or somebody else. Notwithstanding the denial of Mr. Dawes' alleged bargain with Gen. Butler, it is still insisted that there is a bargain. It does not look like any such trading at the State House, and we are satisfied that the charge is simply a game by which to defeat Mr. Dawes and cheat the Western part of the State out of the honor to which it is justly entitled. If Butler favors Dawes instead of Hoar, Mr. Dawes is not to blame for that. It is because of two seeming evils Gen. Butler chooses the least, believing that one of them will be elected. When Republicans in Mr. Dawes' own district seek to damage him in this way we almost despair of fidelity to the principles of justice, honesty and economy which he so strongly advocates on the floor of Congress.

SPRINGFIELD has had a large temperance convention this week under the direction of the Good Samaritans, and the attendance on it both days showed the interest felt in the subject by the people. The ministers of the city, aided by those from out of town, took an unusually active part in the meetings, and preached some very sound doctrine. One of the daily papers on Monday published a full list of the rumsellers in the city, numbering 306, and also the names of those who rented their property and buildings for the business. This gave the convention something to talk about, and one minister offered to give $100 yearly from his salary for the enforcement of the law. Several resolutions were adopted expressing their feeling against the wholesale violation of the law in that city, as exhibited by the above list, and recommending the formation of the Good Samaritan open temperance societies, in every hamlet. When the churches and ministers take hold of the temperance work heartily and consistently then look out for a genuine reform, and the near approach of the millennium.

☞In the Constitutional Convention of Ohio an amendment to the educational article to enable the Legislature to authorize a *pro rata* allowance to denominational schools in distributing the school fund, was voted down—57 to 1.

☞A California newspaper, speaking of a rich mine, says that on discharging a blast a seam of rock about the thickness of man's hand was displayed, so yellow with the precious metal as to be almost solid gold.

The U. S. Senatorship.

The battle for a successor to Senator Sumner commenced at Boston Tuesday. For a week previous the Legislature had been labored with by lobbyists, each of whom had become satisfied that his candidate would make a brilliant show. The friends of Dawes figured up 110 in the House, but expected a considerable minority in the Senate. The result was a great disappointment. In the Senate three ballots were taken, the last resulting as follows:

Whole number of votes,	38
Necessary for a choice,	20
H. L. Dawes had	17
B. R. Curtis,	10
E. R. Hoar,	8
Charles Francis Adams,	2
J. G. Whittier,	1

The House balloted but once, with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast,	235
Necessary for a choice,	118
E. R. Hoar had	68
B. R. Curtis,	63
Henry L. Dawes,	61
John E. Sanford,	16
Charles F. Adams,	12
N. P. Banks,	5
Wendell Phillips,	2
W. B. Washburn,	2
Charles Devens, jr.,	1
A. H. Bullock,	1
W. L. Garrison,	1
Joshua B. Smith,	1
Charles Hale,	1
John H. Clifford,	1

On Wednesday both branches met in convention, and balloted as follows:

Whole number of votes,	271
Necessary for a choice,	136
Henry L. Dawes had	87
E. Rockwood Hoar,	82
Benjamin R. Curtis,	14
Charles Francis Adams,	15
N. P. Banks,	6
John E. Sanford,	2
Wendell Phillips,	2
John G. Whittier,	1
William Lloyd Garrison,	1
Alexander H. Bullock,	1

In the evening the Republicans held a caucus, but it did not harmonize affairs. The Dawes men stuck to their candidate and the Hoar men to theirs, the speakers stirring up a good deal of bitterness, and at the close they were a little farther apart than at the opening. On Thursday there were two ballots with the following showing on the last:

Whole number of votes 272; necessary for a choice 137. Henry L. Dawes had 92, E. R. Hoar 81, B. R. Curtis 74, C. F. Adams 15, N. P. Banks 6, J. G. Whittier 2, J. E. Sanford 1, William B. Washburn 1.

The vote of Friday was: Dawes 94, Hoar 78, Curtis 74, Adams, 15, Banks 7, Scattering 4.

Mr. Dawes seems to be slowly on the gain. Both Dawes, Hoar and Curtis men seem determined to stick, but a break will come somewhere before long, unless they conclude to fight on that line all summer.

A COUNCIL of Congregational churches for the investigation of the trouble in Plymouth church, convened at Brooklyn Wednesday, and comprises many of the leading men of the Congregational faith in the country, whose deliberations are watched with great interest by the religious community, and their decisions in the matters considered will be accepted as Congregational law. The council was opened Wednesday evening with President Stearns of Amherst college in the chair, and a temporary organization effected. The letter-missive which called the council contained seven questions for them to decide, and Plymouth church was invited to be present by its pastor and delegates, to correct any statements in relation to the trouble in their church that might be made. Already Beecher's private character has been placed under examination, and the council will probably have a long session, and an important one.

THE State has another big job or two on its hands. The Commissioners appointed to do the business estimate the cost of the new Insane Hospital to be built at Danvers at $900,000! which is $250,000 more than the last Legislature provided for. In view of the fact that a new State Prison is to be built, which will cost as much more, and that there is a bill before the Legislature providing for the erection of a Prison for Women, costing some $300,000, the taxpayers of Massachusetts may well begin to enquire when this extravagance is to stop. One would very naturally believe that we are all becoming insane or criminals.

☞Two Detroit girls have been arrested for getting on a locomotive, opening the throttle-valve and starting the machine. They then jumped off, but the engine ran through a freight train, doing $700 damage.

☞On the same day of the death of John P. Hale, a schooner of New Hampshire named in honor of him was dashed in pieces on "Norman's Woe," a rock off Cape Ann. It had previously been a very lucky craft.

☞A man has been fined $10 for attempting to assist divine worship in the Second Advent Church at New Britain, Conn., last Sunday, with a jewsharp, though he defended his action by quotations from the Bible.

☞A New Bedford division of Sons of Temperance has put the union grocery business into practice in connection with the ordinary work of the division. It is doing a business of $700 a month.

☞A fight of United States troops with the Apache Indians in Arizona is reported, in which eleven Indians were killed and three white soldiers wounded.

☞The Committee on the Sumner Memorial for Boston have decided on a statue, or a monumental structure, embracing a statue of the late Senator.

☞Mr. Louis H. Marvel of Fall River, and lately Superintendent of Schools at Sandwich, has been elected Superintendent of Schools at Holyoke.

☞It is proposed in Arkansas to raise $5,000, and start a Grange cotton factory. The Graugers are about seven thousand strong in the State.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

....Fast Day next Thursday.

....William E. Miller has just finished a life-size portrait of the late Major Morgan.

....Services will be held at the Cong. church Fast Day at the usual hour of morning service.

....Copies of a steel-plate portrait of the late Charles Sumner, are for sale by J. H. Jenks at the Post Office.

....The March Magazines are out and the elegant "Aldine" heads the list for beautiful pictures and fine typography.

....An extract from the sermon of Rev. Mr. Fullerton on the death of Charles Sumner may be found on our first page this week.

....Remember the auction of Major Morgan's homestead to-day (Saturday) at 10 o'clock, and of his personal property at 11 o'clock.

....Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Root were agreeably surprised Tuesday evening, by a company of their young friends, and a social evening was passed.

....Bracket-making is all the rage in town among the more ingenious of our young men, and some very elegant and intricate pieces of work have been exhibited.

....At the adjourned meeting of the 2d Cong. Society last week Friday it was voted to build a suitable house for a parsonage on the lot owned by the society east of their church.

....The singing school which George W. Sheldon has been conducting at Ludlow, through the winter, closed Tuesday evening with a concert in the Methodist vestry.

....A fine lot of cattle will be offered for sale at public auction, next Wednesday, by J. K. Knox, together with a ton of tobacco, and 300 bushels of potatoes. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

....Our readers visiting Springfield on business or pleasure will find the Pynchon House Dining rooms near the depot a convenient and pleasant place to procure refreshments for the inner man.

....There are twelve places on Main street, one on Pleasant street, and one or more on River street, in this village, where liquor can be obtained when the constables are not in sight. No wonder the trade is brisk when there is so much competition.

....Those who rue-fully watch the falling away of their early beauty, by the slow disappearance of their hair, should renew their youth by a trial of Rue's celebrated Hair Tonic, which is highly spoken of, for sale by J. L. Rue, the barber over Hitchcock's shoe-shop.

....The Ware River train lately brought down a party of promiuent citizens of Barre, with their wives, to the number of about fifty, en route for Boston, which place some of them visited for the first time. They put up at the Quincy House, and enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

... The Old Folks' Concert Troupe made a surprise call on Mrs. I. S. Wood, at the American House, last Saturday evening, bringing refreshments and enjoying a jolly good time. Before leaving they made Mrs. Wood a present of a fine lamp, Mr. George Robinson making the presentation speech.

....Two overseers of the poor elected at the annual meeting refuse to accept their offices, and therefore a special town meeting will be necessary to elect two men to fill the vacancy, and a warrant in another column calls for such a meeting on the 6th of April next, and to see what action the town will take toward borrowing money.

...."Ye Olde Folkes' Spellin' Skule," at the Cong. vestry Thursday evening, was well attended, and the spellin' was unique, creating great sport among the audience. The supper of "biled victuals" which followed was served in old style dishes, and in the style of our ancestors. The profits of the "skule" amounted to $110, which will go toward the purchase of an organ for the church.

....The Young People's Literary Club had an unusually interesting meeting Wednesday evening, and proposes hereafter to make their meetings as attractive and profitable as possible. Next week will be the quarterly election of officers and a full attendance is desired. For April 8th, besides the usual music, recitations and readings there will be a debate on the question, "Resolved, That the reading of the Bible in our public schools is beneficial and ought to be enforced."

....The Hyers Sisters drew a very good house for their concert on Friday evening of last week. Their program, however, was not so well rendered, as it has been in other places, and many were disappointed, especially as they had no piano accompaniment, as was promised. The vestry is a poor place for such a concert, and a majority of the audience would have liked it much better if they had sung more of their "spirituel" plantation songs, instead of the more operatic airs.

....Dr. E. P. Dupree, the eminent New York chiropodist, closed his second very successful engagement in Palmer on Saturday last. During his short stay, he was visited by many well-known citizens, a number coming from a distance to be cured of their painful feet troubles. He has been operating this week in Ware, giving universal satisfaction. We have no hesitation in endorsing Dr. Dupree, as he has operated in our family, with the most gratifying results. Our readers in Monson and vicinity, will have an opportunity of seeing him next week, as he will be at the Cushman House on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Those who suffer in any way with sore feet, will do well to give him a call, as such a chance does not often occur.

....At a meeting of the Reform Club Monday evening, speeches were made by "Uncle" Daniel Charter, Mr. Danforth, and Mrs. Wm. Merriam, of Springfield. Mr. Charter, who is a reformed man, and one of the most efficient workers in the cause in the city of Springfield, made a stirring and spicy address, in which he took occasion to rebuke members of churches who drink, or rent their property for the sale of liquor; Danforth, who is also a reformed man, had a very pompous manner, and talked at considerable length, but made very little impression upon the audience, and Mrs. Merriam, who is well-known to our readers, made a "few remarks." The next meeting of the club will be held tomorrow evening in the vestry, and all are invited.

DISTRICT COURT.

The court since our last issue has fined Ann Malony $5 and costs for an assault, which she paid and was discharged.——John Williams, a young colored boy employed by Dr. Holbrook, was arraigned for stealing $30 from a lady visitor at the Doctor's, and in default of $500 bonds was committed to jail to await the action of the higher court.

WARREN.

D. N. Morgan, president of the North American Life Insurance Company at New York, has purchased the "Cyrus Fay" place in Warren and will fit it up for a summer residence.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

John P. Cady has sold his place in this village to Asa L Howlett of Stafford, Ct., for $1500.——W. W. Stimson has sold his house, built last season, to Roswell P. Root, for $1000. Mr. Root has also bought Joseph W. Stimson's blacksmith shop, which is contiguous to his place, for $700, and will establish and carry on the blacksmith business at the old established shop known as the "Cunningham shop."——Lyman Kellogg has sold his farm "on the Scantic" to Mr. O. Davis, for $3200.——Amos Hines has exchanged his place in the village with Henry Stimson for his farm known as the "Stanton place."——Jos. W. Stimson and family have left town and removed to Windsor Locks, Conn. Henry and Warren W. Stimson are expecting to leave during the spring.——Henry Dickinson has leased his farm, tools and stocks to John Mulroney.——Rev. E. B. Chamberlain and family have left for Sharon, Vt., his new field of labor. He supplied the desk here last Sabbath and will the coming by Rev. Mr. Pettibone, his proxy.——There were eight persons propounded for admission to the Cong. church last Sabbath. Thirty have joined the Methodist church on "six months' trial," as the phrase is, and thirteen of them were baptized in the M. E. church last Sabbath.——At the parish meeting of the Cong. society, held the 25th, G. T. Ballard, Sumner Sessions and Cyrus Lee were chosen parish and supplying committee; Mortimer Pease, clerk; Marcus Beebe, treasurer. The society voted unanimously to hear candidates for settlement, and the applications begin to come in, three having been received, and still they come.

S. W.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....Rev. W. G. Tuttle of Ware Center exchanged with Rev. W. D. Brown of Gilbertville last Sabbath.

....Union services will be held at the Cong. church on Fast Day, at 1.30 P. M., with preaching by Rev. W. M. Ayres.

....Dr. Charles Jewett gave another temperance lecture at Music Hall, Wednesday evening, to a good audience. As usual his address was instructive as well as interesting, and listened to with deep interest.

....A large number of our young men attended the funeral of Freeman A. Smith of Palmer, on Sunday afternoon, who was a former member of the Young Men's Debating Society, and highly esteemed by his associates in that organization.

....At the annual meeting of the East Cong. Society, held at the Chapel Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Clerk, Geo. K. Cutler; Treasurer, Otis Lane; Parish Committee, S. B. Bond, Geo. W. Winslow, Sanford Snow.

....The semi-weekly religious services at the school-house in District No. 9, Hardwick, conducted by the Ware Mission Band, continue to be of marked interest and in view of the scattered population representing the district, are largely attended. About sixty were present last Sabbath evening.

....At the adjourned town meeting, Monday afternoon, a new election of town officers was held in part, viz: one Assessor, two selectmen, and the board of overseers. Those offices are now filled as follows: Selectmen, Chas. E. Blood, J. H. Pepper and J. Tyler Stevens; Assessors, Seth Pierce, Benj. Davis, Thos. F. Sherman; Overseers of the Poor; Chas. E. Blood, Ozias B. Owen, Samuel Morse. The sum of $1,200 was appropriated for fitting up rooms in the school-house on South and High streets.

....Henry Connell has been appointed by the selectmen as railroad police officer, a part of whose duties may be gathered from Section 4th, of the act which provides for the establishment of such an office by the State. "Officers of the railroad police may preserve order within and about the premises and upon the cars of the corporation upon whose petition they are appointed, they may arrest without written warrant, all idle, intoxicated or disorderly persons frequenting such premises or cars, and obstructing or annoying by their presence or conduct, or by profane or indecent language or behavior, the traveling public using the same, and may take the persons so arrested to the police station or other place of lawful detention."

....A Temperance Reform Club was organized at the Methodist church last Saturday evening, with a constitution essentially the same as the one proposed by Mr. J. K. Osgood, the Maine Temperance reformer, at the close of his lecture the previous evening. The following officers were elected: President, Wm. E. Lewis; Vice Presidents, John D. Grant, Samuel Lockhart, M. J. Keefe; Secretary, J. W. Clark; Treasurer, E. Howard Baker; Chaplain, Geo. E. Winslow; Committee of Ways and Means, Geo. D. Marland, Daniel C. Gates, John F. Mott; Visiting Committee, Wm. E. Lewis, Sandford Snow, Otis Lane, Geo. E. Winslow, Eli Hilton. About 75 names have already been enrolled upon the pledge, and it is to be hoped that much good may by accomplished for the cause of temperance by this organization. The next meeting of the club will be held at the Grand Army Hall this (Saturday) evening.

....The sociable of the Masonic fraternity at their beautiful hall in Sandford's block, Wednesday evening, was an occasion of rich enjoyment to the large number gathered there—upwards of 100 in all, including Masons and their families, as well as invited guests. An interesting feature of the evening's entertainment, was the presentation of an envelope containing greenbacks to the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Ayers, by members of the fraternity through their representative, F. D. Richards Esq. This was evidently a complete surprise to the recipient, who followed the presentation with a brief address of thanks, expressive of the kindliest feelings toward his many friends in Ware, and regret at being called upon to leave so soon the place endeared to himself and family by so many pleasant associations. Refreshments were served later in the evening, followed by singing and social chat, after which the company separated.

....The meetings which have been held here during the week under the direction of the State Executive Committee of Y. M. C. Associations, and conducted for the most part by K. A. Burnell and his associates from abroad, have been of a most interesting and impressive character and very largely attended. The opening services were held at the Methodist church on Monday forenoon, and conducted by Rev. W. M. Ayers, the afternoon, meeting being held at the same place and led by A. Ferry of Belchertown. The evening services, both on Monday and Tuesday, were necessarily held in the Cong. church to accommodate all who wished to attend, and were conducted by brethren from abroad. Quite a number of young people rose for prayers each evening. The closing services were held at the Chapel Wednesday morning, conducted by Joseph Brigham of Springfield. A pleasing feature of these meetings has been the united efforts of the pastors and members of different churches in this place, all entering heartily into the work. The earnest words of encouragement and cheer from the lips of those coming to us from other places did not a little to sustain a deep interest throughout the entire services, and cannot be doubted that great good will follow the efforts of these zealous workers in the Master's vineyard. Among those participating in the exercises of this occasion, not already mentioned, may be noticed Messrs. Breck and Clapp of Northampton, J. H. Foulds of Springfield, Mr. Denuy of Leicester, Messrs. Ball and Sagendoph of Spencer, Mr. Smith of Westfield, Rev. E. W. Merritt of Hardwick, Rev. Edwin Smith of Barre, besides many of our own people, both clergymen and lay workers.

Around the County.

—Mt. Holyoke female seminary re-opened on Thursday.

—An extensive religious revival is in progress at the Chicopee Methodist church.

—The First church at Westfield appropriates $1150 for music and $2000 for pastor's salary.

—Father Healey of Chicopee has expelled from the Catholic school in that city, all the girls who attended a recent ball during Lent.

—Mr. Fitzgibbons of Holyoke has accepted the position of instructor to the Irish temperance band of Hartford at $600 for a year's tuition.

—State Constable Maxwell is causing the rum-sellers of Springfield a great deal of uneasiness by constant visits to their dens and seizure of their stock in trade. He made five seizures in one day recently, alone and unaided.

☞The colored people of Bridgeport, Conn., are indignant because their children are not allowed equal school privileges with the whites, but crowded into a room by themselves where all ages and abilities come under one teacher.

☞An error has been discovered in the schedule of Jay Cooke & Co., by which their assets are reduced about one million and a half dollars. There was a mistake to that amount in their account with the Northern Pacific Railroad.

☞In Oskaloosa, Iowa, Mrs. Comstock has enlisted in the cause of the rumsellers. She goes from saloon to saloon, encouraging the proprietors to present a bold front to the crusaders.

☞Alabama consumes over $23,000,000 worth of whiskey and other liquors annually, and uses about 60,000,000 bushels of grain in the manufactures of various fermented and distilled liquors.

☞When you see a woman winding her watch in a horse-car you may make up your mind that she has not had a watch very long.

☞A Kentucky brute deliberately shot a girl through the head in Clay county, in that State, recently, because he became enraged at her jokes.

DISASTROUS FIRES.—Three disastrous fires on Monday destroyed property valued at nearly a million dollars. The first, at New Britain, Conn., destroyed the Ætna Cutlery works. A large number of girls with difficulty escaped from the upper story, through the windows. The whole building was consumed in less than two hours, the fire department, aided by an engine from Hartford, confined the flames to the works where they originated. Loss $600,000. Over 400 men were thrown out of employment. The fire is thought to have been incendiary. The factory is to be immediately rebuilt.——The second was near New Hamburg, N. Y., and destroyed the Van Rensselaer mansion, owned by Jas. H. Ingersoll, of the Tammany ring. Loss $100,000. Ingersoll's son-in-law, the only occupant, escaped with slight burns, by jumping from a second-story window. ——The third, at Elgin, Ill., burned several fine blocks, and caused a loss of $147,000. Insurance light.——A fire broke out Tuesday evening, in Oliver Diston & Co's music store, on Washington street, Boston, and damaged the building and stock to the extent of $70,000, the greatest injury being done by water, with which the place was completely deluged.——Tuesday morning a fire in a Philadelphia ship-yard burned a fine brick structure used as a machine shop, valued at $50,000, and ruined machinery valued at $100,000.——Another fire at Jersey City the same morning consumed $100,000 worth of property.——Still another, at Elmira, N. Y., caused the destruction of a hotel and several stores. Damage over $200,000.

A FAMILY MURDERED.—A family of five persons, who lived near Centerville, St. Clair county, Ill., were murdered last week. The names of the victims are Fritz Stelzenriede, aged 80 years, his son and daughter-in-law, and two small children, one an infant. Their dead bodies were discovered about 6 o'clock Friday evening. The throats of the two men were cut, and the skulls of the women and children crushed in. The house is some distance from any other dwelling. It is charged that the husband of a sister of Mrs. Stelzenriede committed the deed, and he has been arrested, but refuses to say anything in reference to the horrible deed.

ANOTHER HORROR.—The tow boat Crescent City, from New Orleans to St. Louis, having in tow five freight barges, one full barge and a trading boat, laden with ten tons of sugar, blew up early Tuesday morning ten miles below Memphis, Tenn. The upper part of the boat was blown to atoms, and she sunk in three minutes. The barges were all consumed by fire. Ten persons were almost instantly killed, and four wounded. The boat was valued at $70,000.

FISH STORY.—We always liked fish stories, consequently we are bound to believe that Wm. Sim, a Scotchman, lost at sea in 1835, lost his Bible also at that time, and that a codfish has recently been caught in whose stomach was found a small Bible bearing the name of Wm. Sim, and the date 1830. That pocket Bible had tormented that fish's indigestion for 40 years, and is a very good Bible yet.

☞Maggie Daniels, about eight years of age, daughter of Edward Daniels of Gloucester, died on Thursday from the effects of jumping rope, having jumped 200 times in succession.

☞The patentee of the punch now used by the passenger railroad companies makes over $50,000 per annum, he receiving a royalty of twenty cents a day for each punch in use.

☞A great Newfoundland dog got rabid in Boston and ran into a house, where he was at once left to himself. Before he was shot he broke mirrors and furniture worth $500.

☞Onarga, Ill., has not had a single liquor or beer saloon for eight years, although it has a population of eighteen hundred. But perhaps the next town has enough for both.

☞Michigan ought to be happy. A resolution has been offered in the Senate that in view of the large balance in the State treasury no tax be levied for 1874.

☞A pickpocket recently arrested in Rochester defended himself by saying that he was only searching the man's pocket for proof of frauds against the Government.

☞The ladies of Chelsea propose to hold a temperance meeting on Fast day. If they succeed in reclaiming fast people, this would be good use to devote the day to.

☞Is it the dawning of the millennium? In Baltimore on St. Patrick's Day two negro companies paraded, and in Memphis an Italian society was in the procession.

☞A Western paper says that it costs $13,000 to be Governor of Rhode Island, and [illegible] comes to the opinion that it would be better to buy the State outright.

☞Small as is Rhode Island there are 213,278 acres of unimproved land within its borders, of which 169,399 acres are wood land.

☞The Minnesota tinners are holding competitions. One of them can make a dozen six-quarts pans in thirty-three minutes.

☞The Irish Nationalist, a San Francisco paper, was printed in green, St Patrick's Day.

☞There was another strike of 900 men on the Erie Railway on Wednesday.

☞Noah Lankton, conductor of the first night freight from Springfield to Worcester, was killed about 8 o'clock Tuesday night at Washington square depot in the latter city. He was uncoupling cars, missed his footing and fell on the track; the train passed over him, cutting his body completely in two. He was about thirty years old, and leaves a wife and child in Springfield.

☞Miss Hulett, the Chicago lawyer, looks after the interest of her clients in a way that is energetic if not according to the code. She snatched a hundred dollars from the hands of a Mr. Holden, and gave it to her client, that being the amount for which she had sued. That shortening of the law's process, however, has resulted in her arrest.

☞The Rev. Florence McCarty is on trial for various offences before his brother Baptist clergymen of Chicago. The grosser charges against him are not being pressed. Florence wrote to those in society who opposed his course, threatening to pray that they might sicken and die, and the letters have been introduced in evidence.

☞Georgetown abounds in sensations. Among recent developements are a blackmailing case, an alleged case of ticket stealing by a woman, and the horror of a woman burned to death, the second case within a year. And now decorous people are scandalized by the marriage of a citizen the next day after his wife was buried.

☞Among the carriers for the British army in Ashantee were 1,400 women. They were treated with a brutality rarely practiced on animals, being kept standing in the hot sun for hours after their arrival at a station, and fed scantily on water and biscuits.

☞A philosophical Kentuckian who had but one shirt, and was lying in bed while it was drying in the yard, was startled by an exclamation from his wife that the calf had eaten it. "Well," said the Kentuckian, "well, them who has must lose."

☞A young woman named Lizzie Cogan dropped dead in Worcester Saturday. The body was allowed to lay in the street until the coroner removed it, none of the neighbors caring for it. The cause of her death was bleeding of the lungs.

☞A girl employed as a cook at $5 a month in Opelika, Ala., desiring to help the needy, and yet have a use for all her month's salary, cut up a load of wood for fifteen cents, which she placed in the contribution box.

☞Iowa juries hold that in case a marriage engagement is broken the parties must return all presents or their worth in money.

A CARD.—Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Smith desire to express their heartfelt thanks to the many friends who manifested their sympathy and kindness for them in their recent affliction by the death of their eldest son.

THE Venerable Archdeacon Scott of Dunham, Canada East, says that he suffered from dyspepsia more than twenty-five years, but that three weeks' use of the Peruvian Syrup (an iron tonic) has benefitted him so wonderfully that he can hardly persuade himself of the reality, and people who know him are astonished at the change.

THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, NEW YORK.—A recent New York letter says of the Grand Central Hotel: Although the Grand Central has been daily a scene of busy activity since it was first opened, Mr. Powers has found time this winter, with a corps of skilled artists in each department, to make his splendid hotel look fresher and more beautiful than ever. Most noticeable, perhaps, among the recent improvements are the new and tasteful designs in fresco-work which adorn the halls, parlors, grand dining-room, and exchanges. In keeping with this, solid and polished walnut and white and variegated marble predominate below, while rich patterns of Royal Wilton and Axminster carpets cover the floors in every direction above. The Grand Central is also growing famous for its table. Another deserving feature, now in great favor, is the plan of rates adopted by the Grand Central, which allows the guests to choose the price and location of their rooms, the prices, $3, $3.50 and $4 being charged according to the floor selected.

BORN.

At Palmer, 23d, a daughter to ALBERT H. WILLIS.

MARRIED.

At Thorndike, 24th, by Rev. T. A. Leete, JAMES M. OSBORNE and MARY I. OSBORNE, both of Ware.

At Belchertown, 22d, by Rev. E. W. Lyman, FREDERICK A. CROCKETT and ELMIRA M. WALKER.

DIED.

At Palmer, 21st, JAMES DAWSON, 37.

At Belchertown, 20th, ABIGAIL T. WALKER, 77.

At Barre, 19th, AMELIA B., 50, wife of George Cutler.

At Stafford Springs, Conn., 23d, Col. EPHRAIM DIMMICK, 77; 23d, LUCINDA BABCOCK, 77.

At Palmer, 19th, FREEMAN A., 26, son of A. R. Smith, from the loss of his right arm. The following poem was recited by him at a recent examination of the Ware High School:—

GOOD-BY, OLD ARM, GOOD-BY.

The knife was still—the surgeon bore
The shattered arm away;
Upon his bed, in painless sleep,
The noble hero lay;
He woke, but saw [illegible] vacant place
Where limb of his had lain,
Then faintly spoke, "Oh, let me see
My strong right arm again!"

"Good-by, old arm!" the soldier said,
As he clasped the fingers cold,
And down his pale, but manly cheeks,
The tear-drops gently rolled.
"My strong right arm, no deed of yours
Now gives me cause to sigh;
But it's hard to part such trusty friends,
Good-by, old arm, good-by!

"You've served me well these many years,
In sunlight and in shade;
But, comrade, we have done with war—
Let dreams of glory fade.
You'll never more my sabre swing
In battle fierce and hot;
You'll never bear another flag,
Or fire another shot.

"I do not mourn to lose you now,
For home and native land,
Oh, proud am I to give my mite
For freedom pure and grand!
Thank God! no selfish thought is mine
While here I bleeding lie;
Bear, bear it tenderly away,—
Good-by, old arm, good-by!"

Cut this out. It may save your Life.—There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Disoases, Coughs, Colds or Consumption, yet some would die rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. Boschee's German Syrup has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wondrous cures astonish every one that try it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to your druggist, J. H. Jonks Palmer, or J. H. Pepper, Ware, and get a sample bottle for 10 cts., or a regular size for 75 cts. 1y52

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$428,076.88
U. S. Bonds, to secure circulation,	350,000.00
U. S. Bonds on hand,	50,000.00
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages,	2,000.00
Due from redeeming and reserve agents,	39,517.34
Banking house,	3,785.30
Current expenses,	1,563.36
Taxes paid,	1,795.01
Bills of other National Banks,	6,309.00
Fractional Currency, (including nickels),	2,969.67
Specie,	2,200.00
Legal Tender notes,	24,000.00
U. S. certificates of deposit for legal tender notes,	20,000,00
	$932,716.56

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	$400,000.00
Surplus fund,	80,000.00
Discount,	12,709.13
Interest,	13,342.61
Profit and loss,	20,204.06
National Bank circulation, outstanding,	312,000.00
Dividends unpaid,	43.25
Individual deposits,	93,410.75
Demand certificates of deposits,	506.76
	$932,716.56

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, ss.

I, William S. Hyde, cashier of the Ware National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM S. HYDE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of March, 1874. WILLIAM HYDE, Justice of the Peace.

Correct, attest,
NATHAN RICHARDSON,
OTIS LANE,
WM. HYDE, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, Mass., at close of business, February 27, 1874.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$192,332.01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	170,000.00
Other bonds,	15,000.00
Due from redeeming agent,	13,261.51
Due from other National Banks,	2,986.73
Banking house,	2,500.00
Current expenses,	316.88
Cash items,	6.63
Bills of other National Banks,	1,717.00
Fractional currency and nickels,	434.63
Legal tender notes,	12,618.00
	$411,173.39

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock,	$250,000.00
Surplus fund,	30,000.00
Discount,	1,489.70
Exchange,	79.10
Interest,	131.20
Profit and loss,	4,440.38
Nat'l circulation,	141,900.00
Dividends unpaid,	1,700.00
Deposits,	17,974.38
Due to other National Banks,	458.12
	$411,173.39

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, ss.

I, E. F. Morris, cashier of the Monson National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of March, 1874. C. L. PECK, Justice of the Peace.

Correct, attest,
C. W. HOLMES,
C. H. MERRICK,
R. S. MUNN, } Directors.

NOTICE.

Whereas, my wife, Elizabeth, having left my bed and board without just provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting from this date. L. F. WHITING.

Palmer, March 17, 1874. 3w3*

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss.—To Jason A. Palmer, constable of the town of Palmer, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Palmer, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at 2 o'clock p. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To bring in your votes for two overseers of the poor for the current year, to fill vacancies.

ART. 3.—To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money to pay notes falling due against the town.

ART. 4.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

And you are hereby requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by a vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in a newspaper called the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1874.

E. BROWN,
O. B. SMITH,
J. O. HAMILTON, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy, attest, JASON A. PALMER, Constable.
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Palmer, March 10, 1874. 3w2

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of Edwin F. Hitchcock, late of Brimfield, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to.

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Brimfield, March 10, 1874. 3w2

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Monson, March 4, 1874. 3w1

Bertha's Burial.

Cold over the earth
Lay a shroud of white,
But heaven above
Arched blue and bright.
And the setting sun
With a last fond ray
Clasped the casket white
Where Bertha lay.

The peaceful hands
We folded down,
Of lilies we wove her
Cross and crown,
And a flower-strung harp,
That our hearts might hold
A symbol fair
Of her harp of gold.

The blossoms they brought
In fragrance tell,—
Violet and rose,
Pale immortelle,—
But never a bud
So bright and fair
As the white-faced darling
Slumbering there.

Our bowed hearts wept
Over the child,
But in new-born beauty
Bertha smiled—
The smile that comes
With a soul's release,
While her pale hands grasped
The lilies of peace.

And we knew she had joined
Those "waiting outside,"
Revealed to her vision
When, "Mother," she sighed,
"Oh, mother, just look
Through the window and see,
For I think that outside
They are waiting for me."

To the tomb we bore
Both cross and crown,
And the harp we laid
With Bertha down,
But the cross still blooms—
For a promise is kept—
The crown is worn
And the harp is swept.

☞At a Brooklyn wedding, among the presents ostentatiously displayed was a one hundred dollar bill, a present from the doting father to his darling daughter. After the guests had departed the old man coolly rolled up the bill and put it into his vest pocket, and that was the end of it.

☞A glass receiver with which an experiment was being tried in the High School at New Haven on Friday burst and gave one of the pupils named Sullivan a severe shock in the abdomen, while the pieces wounded two or three girls, and the glass ware in the laboratory was nearly all ruined.

☞"Be careful how you drink, or you'll wash the color from your cheeks," said a gentleman at a fashionable party, as he handed a glass of water to a lady. "There is no danger of your ever taking water enough to remove the color from your face," was the good-natured retort.

☞Reuben Peterson and wife of Duxbury, aged 83 and 79, respectively, have lived together over fifty-five years, have had 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 or 4 great grandchildren, and the only instance of death in the whole family was an infant grandchild some two months ago.

☞Strapped shoes will be "the thing" in the spring; made in satin to match the light tints of dresses; the stripes cut very narrow, and extending not only over the instep, but upon the ankles; the prettiest finished with small pearl buttons.

☞An old maple-sugar maker fears that "sap" will be very "thin" this spring. He says the ground has been so thoroughly saturated with water all winter that maple trees have absorbed too much to yield good sap.

☞A bachelor says if you hand a lady a newspaper with a paragraph cut out of it, not a line will be read, but every bit of interest felt in the paper will center in finding out what the missing paragraph contained.

☞"Well, Bridget, if I engage you I shall want you to stay at home whenever I shall wish to go out." "Well, ma'am, I have no objections, providin' you do the same when I wish to go out."

☞That farmer understood human nature who said: "If you want your boy to stay at home don't bear too hard on the grindstone when he turns the crank.

☞I think we cannot too strongly attack superstition, which is the disturber of society, nor too highly respect genuine religion, which is the support of it.

☞Nature provides no reserved seats for the rich and daintily reared. When there is ice on the pavement, they sit where they can.

☞Two boys—"My father is in the custom house." "Mine's in the station house." "My father can keep on stealing, and yours can't."

☞The New York newsboys have opened their theater again, and the policemen have had to retreat. Intellect always triumphs.

☞"The one thing," says Jean Paul, "which a maiden most easily forgets is how she looks—hence mirrors were invented."

☞A burglar found under a man's bed in Philadelphia excused himself on the ground that he was looking for his dog.

☞A singular instance of scepticism is recorded in the case of the man who said the Bible was "too good to be true."

☞What is the difference between a cloud and a whipped child? One pours with rain and the other roars with pain.

☞James says his sweetheart is like a melon, because the old man has locked her up and she can't elope.

☞James says the ladies don't seem to give a thought to us fellows who keep away from the saloons.

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☞Noah Lankton, conductor of the first night freight from Springfield to Worcester, was killed about 8 o'clock Tuesday night at Washington square depot in the latter city. He was uncoupling cars, missed his footing and fell on the track; the train passed over him, cutting his body completely in two. He was about thirty years old, and leaves a wife and child in Springfield.

☞Miss Hulett, the Chicago lawyer, looks after the interest of her clients in a way that is energetic if not according to the code. She snatched a hundred dollars from the hands of a Mr. Holden, and gave it to her client, that being the amount for which she had sued. That shortening of the law's process, however, has resulted in her arrest.

☞The Rev. Florence McCarty is on trial for various offences before his brother Baptist clergymen of Chicago. The grosser charges against him are not being pressed. Florence wrote to those in society who opposed his course, threatening to pray that they might sicken and die, and the letters have been introduced in evidence.

☞Georgetown abounds in sensations. Among recent developements are a blackmailing case, an alleged case of ticket stealing by a woman, and the horror of a woman burned to death, the second case within a year. And now decorous people are scandalized by the marriage of a citizen the next day after his wife was buried.

☞Among the carriers for the British army in Ashantee were 1,400 women. They were treated with a brutality rarely practiced on animals, being kept standing in the hot sun for hours after their arrival at a station, and fed scantily on water and biscuits.

☞A philosophical Kentuckian who had but one shirt, and was lying in bed while it was drying in the yard, was startled by an exclamation from his wife that the calf had eaten it. "Well," said the Kentuckian, "well, them who has must lose."

☞A young woman named Lizzie Cogan dropped dead in Worcester Saturday. The body was allowed to lay in the street until the coroner removed it, none of the neighbors caring for it. The cause of her death was bleeding of the lungs.

☞A girl employed as a cook at $5 a month in Opelika, Ala., desiring to help the needy, and yet have a use for all her month's salary, cut up a load of wood for fifteen cents, which she placed in the contribution box.

☞Iowa juries hold that in case a marriage engagement is broken the parties must return all presents or their worth in money.

A CARD.—Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Smith desire to express their heartfelt thanks to the many friends who manifested their sympathy and kindness for them in their recent affliction by the death of their eldest son.

THE Venerable Archdeacon Scott of Dunham, Canada East, says that he suffered from dyspepsia more than twenty-five years, but that three weeks' use of the Peruvian Syrup (an iron tonic) has benefitted him so wonderfully that he can hardly persuade himself of the reality, and people who know him are astonished at the change.

THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, NEW YORK.—A recent New York letter says of the Grand Central Hotel: Although the Grand Central has been daily a scene of busy activity since it was first opened, Mr. Powers has found time this winter, with a corps of skilled artists in each department, to make his splendid hotel look fresher and more beautiful than ever. Most noticeable, perhaps, among the recent improvements are the new and tasteful designs in fresco-work which adorn the halls, parlors, grand dining-room, and exchanges. In keeping with this, solid and polished walnut and white and variegated marble predominate below, while rich patterns of Royal Wilton and Axminster carpets cover the floors in every direction above. The Grand Central is also growing famous for its table. Another deserving feature, now in great favor, is the plan of rates adopted by the Grand Central, which allows the guests to choose the price and location of their rooms, the prices, $3, $3.50 and $4 being charged according to the floor selected.

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At Thorndike, 24th, by Rev. T. A. Leete, JAMES M. OSBORNE and MARY I. OSBORNE, both of Ware.

At Belchertown, 22d, by Rev. P. W. Lyman, FREDERICK A. CROCKETT and ELMIRA M. WALKER.

DIED.

At Palmer, 21st, JAMES DAWSON, 37.
At Belchertown, 20th, ABIGAIL T. WALKER, 77.
At Barre, 19th, AMELIA B., 50, wife of George Cutler.
At Stafford Springs, Conn., 23d, Col. EPHRAIM DIMMICK, 77; 22d, LUCINDA BABCOCK, 77.
At Palmer, 19th, FREEMAN A., 20, son of A. R. Smith, from the loss of his right arm. The following poem was recited by him at a recent examination of the Ware High School:—

GOOD-BY, OLD ARM, GOOD-BY.

The knife was still—the surgeon bore
The shattered arm away;
Upon his bed, in painless sleep,
The noble hero lay;
He woke, but saw the vacant place
Where limb of his had lain,
Then faintly spoke, "Oh, let me see
My strong right arm again!"

"Good-by, old arm!" the soldier said,
As he clasped the fingers cold,
And down his pale, but manly cheeks,
The tear-drops gently rolled.
"My strong right arm, no deed of yours
Now gives me cause to sigh;

But 'tis hard to part such trusty friends,
Good-by, old arm, good-by!

"You've served me well these many years,
In sunlight and in shade;
But, comrade, we have done with war—
Let dreams of glory fade.
You'll never more my saber swing
In battle fierce and hot;
You'll never bear another flag,
Or fire another shot.

"I do not mourn to lose you now,
For home and native land,
Oh, proud am I to give my mite
For freedom pure and grand!
Thank God! no selfish thought is mine,
While hero I bleeding lie;
Bear, bear it tenderly away,—
Good-by, old arm, good-by!"

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U. S. Bonds on hand,	50,000.00
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages,	2,000.00
Due from redeeming and reserve agents,	39,517.34
Banking house,	3,785.30
Current expenses,	1,563.36
Taxes paid,	1,795.01
Bills of other National Banks,	6,809.00
Fractional Currency, (including nickels),	2,969.67
Specie,	2,200.00
Legal Tender notes,	24,000.00
U. S. certificates of deposit for legal tender notes,	20,000,00
	$932,716.56

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	$400,000.00
Surplus fund,	80,000.00
Discount,	12,709.13
Interest,	13,842.61
Profit and loss,	20,204.06
National Bank circulation, outstanding,	312,000.00
Dividends unpaid,	43.25
Individual deposits,	93,410.75
Demand certificates of deposits,	506.76
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COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, ss:

I, William S. Hyde, cashier of the Ware National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. WILLIAM S. HYDE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of March, 1874. WILLIAM HYDE, Justice of the Peace.

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OTIS LANE,
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, Mass., at close of business, February 27, 1874.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$192,332.01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	170,000.00
Other bonds,	15,000.00
Due from redeeming agent,	13,261.51
Due from other National Banks,	2,886.73
Banking house,	2,500.00
Current expenses,	816.88
Cash Items,	6.63
Bills of other National Banks,	1,717.00
Fractional currency and nickels,	434.63
Legal tender notes,	12,618.00
	$411,173.39

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock,	$150,000.00
Surplus fund,	30,000.00
Discount,	1,489.70
Exchange,	79.10
Interest,	151.20
Profit and loss,	64,440.89
Nat'l circulation,	144,900.00
Dividends unpaid,	1,700.00
Deposits,	17,974.38
Due to other National Banks,	458.12
	$411,173.39

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, ss.

I, E. F. Morris, cashier of the Monson National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of March, 1874. C. W. PECK, Justice of the Peace.

Correct, attest,
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NOTICE.

Whereas, my wife, Elizabeth, having left my bed and board without just provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting from this date. L. F. WHITING.

Palmer, March 17, 1874. 3w3*

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss.—To Jason A. Palmer, constable of the town of Palmer, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Palmer, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at 2 o'clock p. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To bring in your votes for two overseers of the poor for the current year, to fill vacancies.

ART. 3.—To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money to pay notes falling due against the town.

ART. 4.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

And you are hereby requested to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by a vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in a newspaper called the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

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SARAH E. BRADFORD, Adm'x.

Monson, March 4, 1874. 3w1

Bertha's Burial.

Cold over the earth
Lay a shroud of white,
Bnt heaven above
Arched blue and bright.
And the setting sun
With a last fond ray
Clasped the casket white
Where Bertha lay.

The peaceful hands
We folded down,
Of lilies we wove her
Cross and crown,
And a flower strung harp,
That our hearts might hold
A symbol fair
Of her harp of gold.

The blossoms they brought
In fragrance fell,—
Violet and rose,
Pale immortelle,—
But never a bud
So bright and fair
As the white-faced darling
Slumbering there.

Our bowed hearts wept
Over the child,
But in new-born beauty
Bertha smiled—
The smile that comes
With a soul's release,
While her pale hands grasped
The lilies of peace.

And we knew she had joined
Those "waiting outside,"
Revealed to her vision
When, "Mother," she sighed,
"Oh, mother, just look
Through the window and see,
For I think that outside
They are waiting for me."

To the tomb we bore
Both cross and crown,
And the harp we laid
With Bertha down,
Bnt the cross still blooms—
For a promise is kept—
The crown is worn
And the harp is swept.

☞At a Brooklyn wedding, among the presents ostentatiously displayed was a one hundred dollar bill, a present from the doting father to his darling daughter. After the guests had departed the old man coolly rolled up the bill and put it into his vest pocket, and that was the end of it.

☞A glass receiver with which an experiment was being tried in the High School at New Haven on Friday burst and gave one of the pupils named Sullivan a severe shock in the abdomen, while the pieces wounded two or three girls, and the glass ware in the laboratory was nearly all ruined.

☞"Be careful how you drink, or you'll wash the color from your cheeks," said a gentleman at a fashionable party, as he handed a glass of water to a lady. "There is no danger of your ever taking water enough to remove the color from your face," was the good-natured retort.

☞Reuben Peterson and wife of Duxbury, aged 83 and 79, respectievly, have lived together over fifty-five years, have had 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 or 4 great grandchildren, and the only instance of death in the whole family was an infant grandchild some two months ago.

☞Strapped shoes will be "the thing" in the spring; made in satin to match the light tints of dresses; the stripes cut very narrow, and extending not only over the instep, but upon the ankles; the prettiest finished with small pearl buttons.

☞An old maple-sugar maker fears that "sap" will be very "thin" this spring. He says the ground has been so thoroughly saturated with water all winter that maple trees have absorbed too much to yield good sap.

☞A bachelor says if you hand a lady a newspaper with a paragraph cut out of it, not a line will be read, but every bit of interest felt in the paper will center in finding out what the missing paragraph contained.

☞"Well, Bridget, if I engage you I shall want you to stay at home whenever I shall wish to go out." "Well, ma am, I have no objections, providin' you do the same when I wish to go out."

☞That farmer understood human nature who said: "If you want your boy to stay at home don't bear too hard on the grindstone when he turns the crank.

☞I think we cannot too strongly attack superstition, which is the disturber of society, nor too highly respect genuine religion, which is the support of it.

☞Nature provides no reserved seats for the rich and daintily reared. When there is ice on the pavement, they sit where they can.

☞Two boys—"My father is in the custom house." "Mine's in the station house." "My father can keep on stealing, and yours can't."

☞The New York newsboys have opened their theater again, and the policemen have had to retreat. Intellect always triumphs.

☞"The one thing," says Jean Paul, "which a maiden most easily forgets is how she looks—hence mirrors were invented."

☞A burglar found under a man's bed in Philadelphia excused himself on the ground that he was looking for his dog.

☞A singular instance of scepticism is recorded in the case of the man who said the Bible was "too good to be true."

☞What is the difference between a cloud and a whipped child? One pours with rain and the other roars with pain.

☞James says his sweetheart is like a melon, because the old man has locked her up and she can't elope.

☞James says the ladies don't seem to give a thought to us fellows who keep away from the saloons.

☞How best to keep inquisitive children's ears shut up: Box 'em.

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Making them bearers of love-gifts,
Increasing every hour.

Watcheth o'er all our footsteps,
In the shadow and in the sun,
Guarding with tender compassion,
Our lives, till the life-work is done.

April, 1874. J. G. B.

MARRYING FOR MONEY.

How provoking, Annie, I declare it is really too bad, exclaimed Clara Stanwood, as she clasped an elegant bracelet around her finely rounded arm, and held it before her, to admire the dazzling brilliants in their chaste settings. "How can you be so stupid?" And the pretty lips of the speaker gathered together into a decided pout.

"What vexes you, sis," said Annie, who was standing beside a small pine table, smoothing the folds in a snowy muslin dress which she had just finished. "Can't I assist you in any way." And her blue eyes tenderly sought the face of her sister. "No," replied Clara impatiently. "I was only thinking how foolish and unwise you are to refuse the hand of Mr. Harrington, the wealthy merchant, and accept Frank Howard, his clerk, who, though he is good looking and respectable, is as poor as a church mouse. I should think, she continued, that you had seen enough of poverty already to convince you that it would be wise to accept such an offer as Mr. Harrington. Only think, you would be envied by all of your acquaintances; for I know of several who have long been maneuvering to gain his admiration, which has been the cause of emptying the purses of the hard earned money of indulgent fathers, and has occasioned anxious thoughts from aspiring mothers. But you put such an opportunity by, as though it was not worth one thought. It is too bad, do you know Annie, that according to the rules of etiquette, I must not visit you when I am Mrs. Herbert Wilson and mistress of his splendid establishment on Broadway? How would it look for me to drive my carriage to a little miserable tenement of two rooms in a narrow alley? But it is really no use in trying to reason, we are as unlike as light and darkness, yet time will prove which of us has chosen wisely. And to-morrow we are both to be married, Annie, and I will drop the subject after I show you what Herbert has just sent me. See, is it not a magnificent present. And she held up a costly brooch to match the bracelet which glittered on her arm, while she slipped her wedding ring with two tiny ruby hearts, joined by a golden hand, on one slender finger. See, are they not beautiful?" Annie bent down and kissed her fair brow, while a tear fell on her sister's cheek. She was thinking not of the jewels, but the price. A heart with all its priceless treasures brought with gold. The wedding ring was a fitting emblem—*two hearts joined by a golden band.*

Clara and Annie Brown, whose conversation I have just narrated, were the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, they were poor, or what is usually termed, in "easy circumstances." And they might, with Mr. Brown's cleverness of management, have easily acquired a competence, had it not been for his wife's and eldest daughter's love of appearance; for unlike the father, they never asked themselves the question whether a particular arrangement would add to their comfort or prosperity. But this alone was considered, "how will it look," or "what will folks say."—Thus, notwithstanding Mr. Brown redoubled his vigilant efforts to improve their circumstances, matters were constantly growing worse; and as the daughters grew to womanhood, the mother was obliged to resort to various amusing shifts to dress them and to give them a fashionable education, not with the view of storing their minds with useful knowledge, however, did she make the repeated sacrifices, which cost so much labor and anxiety, but for that, to her, all important object, of making an eligible match of marrying one that could gratify a love for dress and display. And in training them for this, she taught them that all other qualities in a husband were perfectly immaterial, if they but had money, and on the opposite side, that though a young man's morals were ever so pure and his character without blemish, this must not for a moment be considered, if but money was wanting.

Clara, the oldest daughter, proved an apt scholar under this training—inheriting, as she did, all her mother's weak points, with but few of her reclaiming virtues. But her sister Anuie was exactly her opposite. All her mother's arguments and injudicious examples, seemed but to strengthen her inherent virtue—for while her sister was all art and affectation, selfishness and vanity, she was pure in principle; unworldly, true to herself and others.

Both were very beautiful in person—captivating in manners, and mingled much in the higher circles of society, where the elder was admired for her beauty and gravity, and the younger for her gentleness and sweetness of disposition.

It was at a social gathering that Clara had made the acquaintance of Herbert Wilson, who was previously engaged to a young lady of Clara's acquaintance, with whom she was very intimate—but from the time that Clara had obtained an introduction to her lover, their friendship ceased. For learning that he was very wealthy, she was determined to take the advantage of the favorable impression which she was confident she had made on him, and estrange him from her friend; which was an easy conquest to the heartless girl, combining as she did, all her arts and attractions, with her mother's skillful manœuvering. For the latter deemed this too rare an opportunity to let pass without an effort, and she made no scruple of stooping to the lowest of all artifices, and resorting to infamous slander, she succeeding in defaming her character in her former lover's opinion, and yielding to the infatuation which had ensnared him, an engagement was the result of a short acquaintance.

The deserted one, who was an only sister to Frank Howard, dared to be unromantic enough not to, unlike our modern heroines, sit down to droop and die with a broken heart, but she, like a sensible girl as she was, considered herself fortunate in being deterred from a union with one who would so readily change in the affection, which had pretended to be undying. And in the more valued friendship of the unselfish Annie, who was to be her brother's wife, she missed not the false affections of her sister Clara.

But to return to the dwelling of Mr. Brown. It is morning, and Mrs. Brown is busy with her arrangements, anxious to look as respectable as possible; she was long and careful in giving the finishing touches to her little parlor. And when abstractedly gazing at her newly polished pine furniture and faded carpet, the involuntary sigh with which she acknowledged her vain attempt at affecting, was soon followed by a smile of triumph, as visions of splendid carpets, soft as velvet—elegant in color and design—and the lofty mirrors; the mahogany rosewood; with everything that the heart could desire, with which her eldest daughter would be surrounded in her new home. Yes, the thought of this compensated for all other disadvantages And with a light heart and quick step she completed her preparations for her daughter's wedding.

But a few of their most intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony. And as the two brides, Clara and Annie, appeared to receive their congratulations at its close, the former resplendent in satin and jewelry, and the latter arrayed in the utmost simplicity, they whispered to each other, what a contrast. And though the good wishes for the happiness and future prosperity of each were cordially expressed, their most fervent blessings followed Annie, who was a favorite with all. And as the sisters were preparing to leave the home of their childhood, for the home which their husbands had prepared for their reception, and as Mrs. Brown held the hand of her favorite daughter, Clara, and pronounced the trembling good-bye, the father pressed a kiss on the cheek of his dearly loved Annie, and uttered a fervent "God bless you my child," as he placed her hand in that of her husband. And standing side by side, in the open door, they saw their daughters depart for their homes, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown were left alone.

Time with its ceaseless, silent tread, passed on, alike unmindful of human weal or woe, pausing not to note the fitful gleams of joy or sorrow; in its checkered course it had brought to some the smiles of fickle fortune, and to others but the frown of the ever changing goddess.

Two years have passed since Mrs. Brown parted with her daughter Clara on her wedding day. And since that time she has not visited the home of her parents, which is but two streets distant from her own residence; for now mistress of a fine establishment, and moving in the highest circles of wealth and fashion, she deigned not to look down from her position to notice her friends in so low and humble a sphere of life, but chooses to keep aloof from them that she may not be mortified by their presence when in the enjoyment of her fashionable, and as she expresses it, more congenial society.

I need not say that her mother is deeply pained by the conduct of her petted daughter, and that she ceases not to reproach her for her unkindness. Yet she considers not that she herself had early sown the seeds of false pride and selfishness in heart, while she sought not to cultivate those gentle virtues which we look for in a true woman, and for whose defect—beauty, nor the most pleasing accomplishment cannot amend. Only once did the mother venture to call on her, when she was so coolly received, both by her daughter and her husband, that she resolved not again to intrude where her presence was evidently so unwelcome.

Thus did the fashionable Mrs. Wilson continue to live estranged from her nearest friends; until suddenly to them and unknown, she with her husband, secretly left the city, and during five long years her anxious relatives heard nothing from her. At length they received a letter from her which contained an urgent entreaty for her father to come to her without delay, adding that she but a short time to live, and that she had much to say to him. The letter was brief, and hurriedly written. The parents lost no time in complying with their daughter's request, and following the direction which the letter intimated, they found her in a miserable garret, destitue, deserted, and alone.

Her story was told in a few brief words. Previously to her leaving her native city, she had learned, to her horror, that her husband was a robber, and connected with a large band, who, with their numerous accomplices, were living in splendor, in different towns, under assumed names. Her husband was chief director of a large mercantile house, which was the established place of receiving and disposing of their stolen goods, which were furnished by their secret accomplices. He had at first been dazzled by her beauty and gravity, and believing her, to be as regardless of right or virtue as himself, he had thought to find in her congenial companion: thus had he persuaded her to keep aloof from her relatives, which she had at first done through vanity. But as her better nature triumphed and she began to yearn for the companionship of her friends, her husband, who had then removed with her to a distant city, forbid her to correspond with them, when she reproached him for his unkindness, and for the deception which he had practiced, and taunting him with his profession, he in a passion bid her to leave his house and return to the poverty from which he had taken her. Since that time, she, ashamed to return to her friends, had contrived, with the assistance of an elderly lady, who had proved her friend, to earn a livelihood, until wasted by disease, she had sent for her parents that she might be near them when the dark Angel of Death should summons her home.

I will not attempt to describe the grief of the parents who lingered to close the dying eyes of their child. But suffice it to say, that Mrs. Brown, through bitter experience, learned the common folly of parents training their daughters to marry for money. While no thought is taken of character; no inquiry made concerning the morals of a young man, provided he can place them in a position where they can gratify an indolent love of ease and display.

Mrs. Brown acknowledged in after years, when the worthy husband of her daughter Annie, through industry and economy, had acquired position and wealth, and when in him she finds a staff to her declining years, that her youngest daughter has "chosen wisely."

MOTHER SPEAK KINDLY.—Children catch cross tones quicker than parrots, and they often become permanent habits in them. When mothers set the example, you will scarcely hear a pleasant word among the children in their plays with each other. Yet the discipline of such a family is weak and irregular. The children expect just so much scolding before they do anything they are bid, while in many a home, where the low, firm tone of the mother, or the decided look of her steady eye, is law, they always think of obedience, either in or out of sight. Oh, mother! it is worth a great deal to cultivate that excellent thing in woman, a low, sweet voice. If you are ever so much tried by the mischievons or willful pranks of the little one, speak low. It will be a great help to you to even try to be patient and cheerful, if you cannot succeed. Anger makes you wretched, and your children also. Impatient, angry tones never did the heart good, but plenty of evil. You cannot have the excuse for them that they lighten your burdens at all; they make them only ten pounds heavier. For your own as well as your children's sake, learn to speak low. They will remember that tone when your head is under the turf. So, too, will they remember the harsh and angry tone. Which legacy will you leave to your children?

PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE.—Judge S. gave his son $1000 and told him to go to college and graduate. The son returned at the end of the freshman year without a dollar and with several ugly habits. About the close of vacation the judge said to his son:

"Well, William, are you going to college this year?"

"Have no money, father."

"But I gave you $1000 to graduate on."

"That's all gone, father."

"Very well, my son, I gave you all I could afford to give you; you can't stay here; you must now pay your own way in the world."

A new light broke in upon the vision of the young man. He accommodated himself to the situation, left home, made his way through the college, and graduated at the head of his class—studied law, became Governor of the State of New York, entered the Cabinet of the President of the United States, and made a record for himself that will not soon die, being none other than William H. Seward.

THE BUDDHIST DECALOGUE.—Here are the ten commandments of Buddha:

First—Thou shalt not kill.
Second—Thou shalt not take for thyself what belongs to another.
Third—Thou shalt not break the laws of chastity.
Fourth—Thou shalt not lie.
Fifth—Thou shalt not slander.
Sixth—Thou shalt not speak of injuries.
Seventh—Thou shalt not excite quarrels.
Eighth—Thou shalt not hate.
Ninth—Have faith in holy writings.
Tenth—Believe in immortality.

ADHERE TO PRINCIPLE.—Let the winds and waves of adversity blow and dash around you if they will, but keep on the path of rectitude, and you will be firm as a rock. Plant yourself upon principle, and bid defiance to misfortune. If gossip, with her poisoned tongue, meddles with your good name, heed her not. Carry yourself erect; let your course be straightforward, and by the serenity of your countenance and the purity of your life give the lie to all who would underrate and belittle you.

MEN FASHIONS.—Do you know that some of the most striking fashions of the ladies were at first worn by gentlemen? A raven friend of mine, who spent three years in a barron's library and ought to know, says that muffs were originally carried by men, also that hoops under the skirt were first worn by them. He says that the encyclopedias all say so. Look it up, little girls. My friend raven may be mistaken, but I am afraid he is right.—"*Jack in the pulpit,*" *in St. Nicholas.*

☞Rev. Henry Ward Beecher makes this sensible reply in the Christian Union to a query as to whether it was wicked to dance: "It is wicked when it is wicked, and not wicked when it is not wicked. In itself it has no more moral character than walking, wrestling or rowing. Bad company, untimely hours, evil dances, may make the exercise evil; good company, wholesome hours, and home influence may make it a very great benefit."

☞A thief went into a Milwaukee jewelry store, where a woman was the only clerk, and ran out with a gold chain. The woman chased him, yelling "Stop thief!" at every jump; but people on the street thought it was only a family row, and did not interfere. Probably, supposing the fleeing man to be in peril, they rather sympathized with him. The woman caught him at last, however, and in his pockets were found many stolen articles.

☞"I wouldn't be a cook for the whole world!" exclaimed a fashionable young lady to her betrothed lover. "Of course not," he replied. "If you were to cook for the whole world, you would never get through your work; but you'll be able to manage it nicely for our little family."

☞The difference between having a tooth properly drawn by a professional surgeon, and having it knocked out miscellaneously by a fall on the pavement, is only a slight distinction—one is dental and the other accidental.

☞There are three things a man needs; money, pluck and patience.

Questions.

Where is the life, however so closely honnd,
However pinioned hy the weary weight of pain,
But within the narrow limits, has some wisdom found
That for the world it would not lose again?

Where is the life, that learned to build on truth,
That *solid truth* that teaches what is right,
The worthy matron or the *romantic youth,*
That does not hold a thankful heart to-night?

Where is the life, that ever learned to bear
Some awful sorrow, with its fitful train of fears,
But in its lowly, quiet station—even there—
Found more cause for rejoicing than for tears?

Where is the soul, whose hope is firmly stayed
On God, the source of purity and light,
That is not grateful for the steady progress made,
If conscious that the course pursued *is right?*

Where is the soul, that is not truly blest,
If the rich seal of God's free love is given;
If it is waiting but to "enter into rest,"
And that rest lies so near—in Heaven?

EARLY TRIALS.—The village young man's greatest trial is not when he makes his advent at the barber's shop, and receives the stares of the customers and the grins of the operators, but when he first makes his appearance with a young lady at an entertainment. It is not enough that the usher should get the wrong aisle, and thus make him and her go around at the front, and come back up the middle aisle, to the enjoyment of several hundred people, but he has got to escort, her through a file of his acquaintances at the door, after the performance is over, and is obliged to bear with stolid indifference the grins of delight showered upon him, and hear with Christian composure the young man at the head of row adjure somebody not in sight to "Hold my clothes," and some exquisitely facetious inquiries from one to another as to "Who will care for mother now?" and "Won't you look at our Johnny?"

MRS. SPRAGUE AND THE COACHMAN.—Mrs. Sprague seems to know just how to meet the tyranny of the "experienced servant" who knows his place and would be a king in it. On the occasion of one of her receptions she sent word to her coachman that she required his services in the house. That gentleman replied explicitly that he was a coachman by profession, and as such had engaged his services to Mrs. Sprague, therefore he could not assist her in the house. "Very well," said the lady to the embassador who had treated between the two powers, "tell him to bring the carriage to the door." This was done, and the mighty man on the box had the pleasure of spending the entire afternoon practising his profession in the street outside the Sprague residence.

PRIDE EFFECTUALLY SUBDUED.—William Penn and Thomas Story, travelling together in Virginia, being caught in a shower of rain, unceremoniously sheltered themselves from it in a tobacco barn, the owner of which, happening to be in, thus accosted them: "You have a great deal of impudence to trespass on my premises—you enter without leave. Do you know who I am?" To which was answered, "No." "Why, then, I would have you know that I am a justice of the peace." Thomas Story replied, "My friend here makes such things as thou art; he is Governor of Pennsylvania." The would-be great man quickly abated his haughtiness.

☞There is an old darkey in Maryland who lately voted for local option, as he understood it, but not as the public generally understood it. The story (a true one) runs thus: At a recent election a friend asked the old man how he was going to vote. "Oh," he replied, "the Republican ticket. I always vote that ticket." "But how are you are going to vote on local option?" The darkey, looking up, asked, "What's dat?" "Why local option is putting down liquor," was the reply. "Lors a massey!" replied the darkey, "oh course I vote for local option; I votes to put down liquor to de old price, fib penny hit a pint."

☞The Lowell Courier relates the following: "A gentleman of this city—a clergyman by the way—who was confined to his residnece a short time since by an uncomfortable boil, was being condoled with by a sympathyzing lady, who innocently inquired after the location of the offender. "O," says the divine, "if it was on my nose I could sit down; but I can't now."

☞There are many fruits which never turn sweet until the frost has touched them. There are many nuts that never fall from the bough of the tree of life till the frost has opened and ripened them. And there are many elements of life that never grow sweet and beautiful till sorrow touches them.

☞The proprietor of one of the numerous lager beer saloons in Rochester New York, who possesses a decidedly teutonic dialect, on being asked his ideas concerning the woman temperance movement, replied with utter indifference, "Let'em *bray.*"

☞If you want to fire to frenzy the heart of the average Brooklynite, just whisper to him the base suggestion that he may yet make his boast that his home is in the Twenty-fifth Ward of the City of New York.

☞An aged colored citizen of Charlottsville, Virginia has became insane on the subject of organs in churches, considering those instruments devices of the evil one. His mental constitution was not properly organized.

☞What a horrible idea is the following:

If ever I marry a wife,
I'll marry a landlord's daughter;
And then I can sit at the bar,
And drink old Bourbon and water.

☞A Pittsburgh hotel keeper writes his own bill of fare, thereby saving the cost of printing. It announces "Coffee, soupe, roste befe, fride ham, boyled and bakt potatys, fride coul puddin and mins pie."

☞Remember that every person, however low, has rights and feeling. In all contentious let peace be rather your object than triumph; value triumph only as a means of peace.

☞An exchange says woman's sphere is marriage. We never saw one yet that had any fear about it.

☞Old yarns—Darned stockings.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1874.

WHAT *would* Gen. Banks do if the Legislature should take up the poet Whittier and elect him? He would think there was more poetry than policy about that, and wish he hadn't introduced him as a candidate.

THE Worcester Spy wants to have Governor Washburn run for re-election next fall. That won't go. In the first place Mr. Washburn don't want to be re-elected, and in the next place the people want a fresh man. See if they don't.

STATE election in Connecticut next Monday. The Republicans expect to elect their ticket, headed by Henry B. Harrison, for Governor, and the Democrats think they shall carry theirs. There is a prohibitory ticket to divide them, but prohibition stands a scarey chance in Connecticut.

THE Great Congregational Council at Brooklyn, N. Y., adjourned Saturday night, after rendering a long decision on the questions submitted to them, the substance of which was a mild censure of the conduct of Plymouth church, with a kindly caution not to do so again. The verdict seems to be well received all over the country, as being the best the council could give.

WAR with the Indians on the plains is constantly threatened. Many of the stories of outrages by the red men are manufactured or greatly magnified by the settlers, who hope to reap a harvest by the interposition of Government with an army. In very many cases these outrages are provoked by those whose business it is to make money out of difficulties between the Indians and Government.

THE opponents of Mr. Dawes are pretty well satisfied now that there is no bargain between Butler and Mr. Dawes concerning the Senatorship. That charge has been rung till its reaction has helped Dawes and hurt the man who made it. The Butler strength in the legislature is so very small that it could not very essentially help anyone, and the candidate who relies on that assistance has a slim support.

THE Republicans of the Legislature had a love-feast at the Tremont House, Tuesday evening, where the eating, drinking and speaking was fine, yet it made no difference in the vote for Senator next day. No doubt the feelings of the members were somewhat liberalized by the repast, but all such sensations were choked down when their names were called, and there was great disappointment in some quarters.

TWO sons of the Siamese twins who were absent when their father and uncle died, declare that if they had been at home the bodies of the twins would not have been taken away. They have taken back the bodies and will give them a Christian burial. They say that their mothers have not received a cent for the Philadelphia autopsy, and that nothing will be received. These sons of Chang and Eng profess great indignation at the way the bodies have been used.

MARCH went out lion fashion, and as April came in as March went out, we may, according to the old adage, expect a spell of mild weather. The maple sugar makers are in the midst of their harvest, and farmers will soon turn their attention to the plow. There is promise of an early spring, there being no snows at the north to chill the air and keep back the warm currents that come stealing up from the south. There will be cold days, drizzly rains and probaly light snows, but the winter has fairly gone, and we may as well get ready for warm weather.

THERE is complaint of unusual dullness in the spring trade. Dry goods are dull and cheap, and woolens especially are down to low water mark. Wholesale merchants in the cities declare the prospect exceedingly bad; and yet last week the foreign imports of dry goods at New York amounted to $2,588,487. People buy foreign goods in preference to home manufactures, paying for them higher prices, thereby discouraging home manufacturers, and bringing hard times to their own doors. The fact is, we are getting down towards hard-bottom, and the inflationists of our country cannot help it if they should vote to print a hundred millions more currency.

NINE days of voting for senator and yet no election. Good feeding and good wine have failed to unify the disorganized and rebellious politicians, who stick for their candidates with a tenacity that would do credit to Spaulding's glue. Mr. Dawes has been up to 95, the highest of any candidate, and yet he is a good way off from the coveted majority. The pluck of the Dawes men is admirable, and as they have right on their side we trust they will stick. If there is to be trading between the Democrats and Hoar men let the responsibility rest with them.

On Friday, the first and only ballot gave Dawes 91, Hoar 75, Curtis 69, Adams 16, Banks 5, scattering 5.

☞The Michigan Legislature has agreed to submit the question of woman suffrage to the people. As this will afford the first opportunity of a direct popular vote on the subject, the result will be looked forward to with interest.

☞Garfield's stables at Barre were destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. The town house caught fire, but was saved.

IT is doubtful if the Legislative liquor committee of 1874 is any wiser than the committees of previous Legislatures. The present committee are much divided as to what is best to do, and it gives the Legislature no less than three bills modifying the liquor law. One bill re-establishes the State constabulary on a little different basis and abolishes the police commissioners, while another licenses druggists, hotel keepers, common victualers, and brewers and distilleries, hedging them about with provisions of a liberal character. Not much attention is given to the subject just now, but it will keep the Legislature busy for a week or two when it gets at it. It is quite probable, however, that in the diversity of opinions that prevail, no change in the law will be accomplished.

☞Hardwick has a real sensation.—"Aunt Judie Warner," as she is familiarly known, an aged negress who came to Hardwick some twenty-five years ago with her helpless master, Col. Frank Warner, and nursed him until his death, several years ago, when he left her $800, is going back to her old home in Arkansas. Within a few months she has learned that her children, sold from her when young, and whom she has mourned as dead, are living, and that one daughter, is about to be married, so she is going to the wedding. Charles P. Aiken, with whom she has been living, accompanies her on her tour.

☞Two first-class defalcations have been discovered in the Sinking Fund of the State of Virginia, implicating two men of high standing, one of whom, Colman, secretary of the board of commissioners, has been found guilty and sentenced to four years in the state Prison. The other is the State Treasurer, and one of the F. F. V's, who since being discovered has become violently insane. The amount stolen is between $25,000 and $500,000 but owing to the confusion of the books, the amount is not definitely known.

☞A school girl at Ashland was recently engaged upon a composition, the subject being the loss of life to persons by falling from buildings. The theme appears to have so affected her mind that during the night she rose from her bed in a state of somnambulism and leaped from the window of her room to the road beneath, a distance of nearly thirty feet, inflicting fatal injuries.

☞The Legislature of North Carolina has passed an act entitled, "for the better security of human life." It provides that any person who manufactures, sells or deals in spiritous liquors as a drink, of any name or kind containing foreign properties or ingredients poisonous to the system, shall be punished with five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

☞Ackley, Iowa, has been having a novel temperance war. A saloon keeper who was arrested for selling liquor without authority thought the other persons in the business did not side with him as they should have done, so filed complaints against them all. The result is that the liquor business in that town is suspended.

☞A few days since the roadmaster of the Rock Island road, with a companion, traveled from Washington to Muscatine on a hand car, propelled entirely by a sail about six feet square. The strong wind blowing at the time enabled him to make the trip—forty miles—in just two hours, the average time made by passenger trains.

☞The State Constables brought the Union Club case before the court Saturday, and to the surprise of an interested audience G. A. Pickering, the manager of the rooms, was convicted of selling and the liquor was confiscated. The warrant was for 500 gallons and about five gallons were actually seized. An appeal was taken.

☞The temperance crusade has reached England. Several tribes of Good Templars began praying opposite public houses in London on Sunday, March 15. They did not take up their positions at the doors of the houses, but in the street in front of them, but their exhortation did not seem to have much effect.

☞The Boston & Albany R. R. Co., decided to resume full time, ten hours, in their shops at Springfield, April 1, with a reduction of ten per cent. in the force and ten per cent, in the wages from the old full time pay. The Connecticut River repair shop employes find plenty to do, working ten hours' time.

☞The City Council of Cincinnati having passed a resolution requesting the Mayor to enforce the law against women who pray on the sidewalks, the *Gazette* suggests the propriety of requesting the Mayor to enforce the law against the saloons. It is a poor rule that doesn't work both ways.

☞The work of fitting up the new art gallery at Amherst College has been begun. In making arrangements for doing the necessary work, it was found that skilled workmen could be obtained from Boston about ten per cent. cheaper than the workmen in town.

☞Chicago had better look out for a young man from Portland, who is now living within her gates. He has written home to a friend that he would rather be a lamppost in Portland than to be Mayor of Chicago.

☞Miss Couzins tells a St. Louis reporter that the way to put down the saloons is for all young ladies to resolve never to receive attentions from any young man whose breath is tainted with alcoholic perfumes.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

....Easter Sunday to-morrow.

....Main Street was cleared of its loose stones on Thursday.

....Horace Paine has commenced the building of a house on the old park.

....Geo. A. Hunt on Thursday caught a brook trout weighing 18 ounces.

....A "society for the collection of bad debts" has appointed Lawyer Taft its agent in this place.

....The Ladies' Society of the 2d Cong. church met with David Knox on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

....A child of George A. Hunt in this village, pulled a kettle of hot water upon itself Thursday evening, and was badly scalded.

....Geo. W. Bentley of New London has been appointed superintendent of the New London Northern R. R. vice Geo. A. Merrill, resigned.

....The meeting of the Reform Club Sunday evening was enlivened and made profitable by a scientific essay from Dr. Wm. Holbrook on Alcoholic Drinks.

.....J. W. Weeks of the Antique House is at work again improving the grounds and surroundings of the house and they will present an attractive appearance this summer.

....Jason A. Palmer has received the papers appointing him an agent for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the poor abused beasts breathe easier already.

....Of the seventeen horses brought to town for sale by Chas. E. Dewey, there are still some ten or twelve remaining, and a good chance for purchasers who have not yet seen them.

....O. W. Studley, last week bought the B. B. Adams house on Church street, for $3500 and shortly afterward traded it to C. L. Gardner, taking Mr. Gardner's house on South Main street, and $1500 in exchange.

....A dirty case before the district court Wednesday was that of Montroille Achart and Julia S. Adriance of Brimfield, for lascivious cohabitation. They were bound over in $1000 each to appear at the higher court.

....Rev. Mr. Fullerton preached an excellent temperance sermon on Fast Day, which deserved a larger audience. His text was from Num. 22:4, "Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field."

....The publisher and employes of the Atlanta (Ill) Argus, are all teetotalers, and the western papers think it worthy of comment, but its just what we might expect when we remember that the editor of the Argus, Mr. A. W. Briggs, is a graduate of this office.

....Herman Berger pays his last visit to Palmer next week, previous to leaving for Europe. He says he is closing out his stock at "great bargains and fearful sacrifices," and also wishes us to state that he is desirous of settling all accounts at that time.

....Joseph W. Mason, for many years clerk in J. B. Shaw's store, and more recently with C. C. Shaw, has resigned his place and goes about the middle of the month on a visit to his friends in the West. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

....If boys (or young men) will go around the streets in the small hours of the morning howling and singing, ringing door bells, and disturbing the neighbors, they must not be surprised if they find themselves brought up before Judge Allen for disturbance of the peace, and then of course we can't very well avoid publishing their names.

....The public schools commence again next Wednesday, April 8th. There will be several changes in the corps of teachers, and some vacancies not yet filled, one of which is in the intermediate department of the graded school at this village, taught last term by Miss Roys. Male teachers have been secured for the higher departments in Thorndike and Three Rivers.

....The Frank Morgan homestead was not sold at auction last Saturday, but was bought at private sale by Marshall W. French for $16,000. Mr. French also takes the John Morgan estate in the rear, which gives him a whole square lying between Main and Pleasant streets. It is a matter of congratulation with our citizens that Mr. French has purchased this estate.

....Now that Spring is approaching we would call the attention of the proprietors of several places in this village, to the appearance of the sidewalks, etc., in front of and around their property. Our village streets might be made a great deal more pleasant and give a better impression to visitors, by a little attention to the ashheaps and rubbish which have been allowed to gather during the winter.

....Acting on the suggestion in our columns a few weeks ago, several of the business men of the village have met twice already to consider ways and means for starting and maintaining a reading-room, which is so much needed in this village, and another meeting will be held this (Saturday) evening in Rev. Mr. Fullerton's study for further consideration of the subject. All interested are invited to be present.

....The Young People's Literary Club at their quarterly meeting Wednesday evening, elected the following officers:—President, William Brainard; vice president, Emma Perry; secretary, Frank W. Smith; treasurer, Effie Bailey. A resolution strongly protesting against the use of intoxicating liquors by members was adopted by a vote of 13 to 5. On adjournment the club paid a surprise visit to Miss Ella Nelson, and passed a social evening.

....A serious quarrel ending in a shooting affray, occurred in a Springfield saloon and restaurant Monday evening, in which Frank Blair, the night cook was shot through the upper portion of the left lung, by Frank Morgan, who then made his escape. The quarrel was about a girl. Morgan has been employed on the B. & A. R. R. for some time, and has the reputation of being a hard customer. Both men were formerly of this town, and Blair was a son of the somewhat notorious Frank Blair, well known in this village. The wounded man was carried to his home in Express block, and officers put upon the trail of the murderer. The latest news is that Blair is recovering slowly and that Morgan is still at large.

....A peddler of "golden pens" established his stand in front of Jones' barber shop Thursday afternoon, and was behaving himself in a peaceable manner when a fellow who had been plaguing him, stepped up and deliberately kicked over the stand, scattering the money (some $75) to the wind, and the pens all over the ground. Constable Nelson arrested the offender, Michael O'Brien of Monson, who resisted him, and constable John Holden was called, but the fellow still resisted and kicked Holden who then gave him a couple of heavy blows in the face, and Michael retaliated by kicking Nelson in the face. He was taken to Springfield for safe keeping and Friday brought before the Court for trial.

....The Burlington (Vt.) Free Press of the 20th ult. has the following item concerning Mrs. H. E. Armstrong (formerly Miss Fannie Taft), sister of Mrs. Cyrus Knox and well known in this village, where she formerly taught school:

"At the close of the present term of the city schools, Mrs. H. E. Armstrong, who has so acceptably given instruction in music, is to remove from the city, and the pupils of the various schools united in presenting her an elegant silver tea-set, with a very complimentary note, in which they wish that 'the coming years of her life may be filled with songs of joy.' She replied in a very feeling manner."

LUDLOW.

Mr. George W. Sheldon, a successful music teacher, who has been conducting several schools during the winter, died on Thursday last, of cerebo-spinal meningitis, after a brief illness. He was a young man, and has many good friends, who deeply sympathize with his widow and fatherless children in their affliction.

BRIMFIELD.

An elegant span of bays, owned by Lewis, son of Theodore Farrell of West Brookfield, attached to a big wagon, while standing unhitched near the wood lot of S. N. Powers, in the eastern part of the town, became frightened last week and ran, bringing up with a crash at the house of James Burnham, breaking in a window and causing some other light damages. Fortunately no one was injured.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

O. Davis has purchased the farm of Lyman Kellog for $3200; Amos Hines has exchanged his village property with Henry Stimpson for the "Stanton place," and Roswell P. Root has bought W. W. Stimson's house for $1000, and J. W. Stimson's blacksmith shop for $700.——The Congregational society has chosen G. T. Ballard, Sumner sessions, and Roswell Lee as parish committee, with Mortimer Pease as clerk, and Marcus Beebe, treasurer.

THREE RIVERS.

The entertainment given by the young people of Three Rivers last week Thursday evening was so good that it was repeated on Wednesday evening, and drew a good company together.——Since the death of the Rising Sun Lodge of Good Templars a few weeks since, this village has had no temperance organization, and the effects of liquor-drinking are often seen on the streets. Why can't we have a Temperance Reform Club here? Z.

WARREN.

The Excelsior gas machine company are not contemplating leaving here, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.——Geo. Barbank is the newly appointed agent for the society for prevention of cruelty to animals.——At the annual meeting of the Congregational society of Warren, on Monday, the following officers were chosen: Clerk, J. W. Chadsey; treasurer, J. F. Hitchcock; parish committee, W. H. Shepard, W. L. Powers, T. F. Cutler; assessors, William A. Patrick, George M. Newton, S. E. Blair. An appropriation of $2,950 was made for the parish expenses of the current year.

BRIMFIELD.

The Hitchcock Free High School commenced its spring term last Tuesday with a very good number of students. The school is in a prosperous condition, and with its present teachers offers advantages equaled by none in this part of the State. The graduating class and the school as a whole regret to learn of the illness of Miss Laura M. Spaulding. Miss Spaulding is a member of the graduating class, and a general favorite in the school. It is hoped that her illness will be but temporary, and that her health will soon be so improved as to admit of her resuming her place in the school.——Services were held in the Cong. church Thursday, and those attending listened to a thoroughly practical sermon from Rev. Mr. Pierce. In the afternoon a meeting was called to discuss the expediency of having free seats. X. Y. Z.

MONSON.

The notices for the caucus are this year headed "Political!" It is to be hoped that in town officers sectionalism will be buried, and party lines should not be closely drawn in the selection of town officers. Rumor has it, that there will be one or two names of the gentler sex presented as candidate for school committee.——The Academy commenced its spring and summer term last Wednesday, with average pupils for a good school.——Deputy G. H. Newton is organizing granges in Connecticut, having visited Windsor, Conn., last Tuesday, and instituted grange No. 2 with 27 members. He visits Litchfield County next week, and has applications for organizations in that locality. Monson grange ordered from Minnesota a car load of best white winter wheat flour at their last meeting.——The I. O. of G. T. occupy the grange hall at present, but their increasing growth will soon necessitate more ample accommodations.——Mrs. E. M. McMaster has sold her dwelling house and 8 acres of land to Wheelock of Leverett, for about $500.——G. H. Newton sells Mrs. McMaster's furniture at auction town meeting day (Monday) at 11 o'clock.——Hamilton White has procured a fine specimen of Mixter's wagon painting, and whenever his wagon passes, the public are duly informed that "stoves" are needed. Such a sign in July would be very suggestive, so would ice, only more so.——D. Heaton of the Wesleyan Academy supplies the pulpit of the M. E church to-morrow, and in the evening there will be a Union Temperance prayer meeting at the Methodist church. Rev. W. Silverthorn is attending conference.——Pew No. 49 in the M. E. church will be sold at auction next Monday, at 1 o'clock at the church.——The citizens have now an additional park in town, and the little children can but enjoy it in the coming season, and no doubt the old folks are also pleased with it, (see births).——The question of vital importance just now is "Who are going to be our officers? No stir of any account, and the prospect is that the old and tried will be kept in and the younger men left to live and learn.——Those interested will find the statement of the Monson Savings Bank in our advertising columns to-day. N.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....The public schools of the village commence on Monday next.

....Rev. W. B. Buxton of Worcester occupied the Unitarian pulpit last Sabbath.

....Homer Bartlett, who formerly practised law at Ware, died at Boston on Sunday, after a long illness.

....The farewell sermon of Rev. W. M. Ayers will be delivered at the M. E. church next Sabbath afternoon.

....The next meeting of the Temperance Reform Club will be held at the Unitarian vestry next Monday evening.

....The Unitarian Social Club presented the drama entitled "Duchess of Dublin" at the Vestry on Monday evening.

....The directors of the Ware National Bank had their semi-annual dinner at the Hampshire House on Saturday.

....Samuel E. Sprague has leased the Wallace farm in West Brookfield, and will occupy the same for the coming year.

....One more opportunity to see Dr. Dupree, next week, at the Hampshire House, April 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th only. Improve it.

....The Ware National Bank pays a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on and after April 1st. The bank now has a surplus of about $105,000.

....While a little girl four years of age, the daughter of Henry Linthwait, was playing near a bonfire on Friday of last week, her clothes caught fire and she was so severely burned that she survived but a few hours.

....Lorenzo Fairbank has sold his property, corner of West and Walker streets, to John H. Storrs for $4,500, taking in exchange a tract of land on the South side of the river near William street, valued at $1,500, and cash for the balance.

....Miss Abby M. Chapin of Chicopee is about to open an entirely new stock of millinery goods in Guild's block, in the store formerly occupied by Mrs. C. A. Raymond, and by strict attention to business will endeavor to merit the patronage of the public.

....The 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ramsdell was appropriately observed on Prospect street Friday evening. The exercises of the evening differed somewhat from those usually occurring on occasions of similar character.

....In place of the usual afternoon preaching service at the East Cong. church last Sabbath, Rev. Dr. Perkins conducted a general review of the Sunday School lessons for the last quarter, the questions being answered by the twelve different classes to which the several topics had been assigned.

....Dr. Jos. H. Potter of New York City, one of those wonderful cure doctors, who takes pay in advance, has left us, shaking off the dust from his feet, saying that the Amherst people paid him more in ten minutes than he received in Ware the whole time he was here. Good for the intelligence of Ware, but hard on Amherst, the mother of Colleges.

....The necessary number of tickets for Theodore Thomas' concert in Springfield, Tuesday evening, could not be sold in Ware, and consequently the extra train wich was advertised did not. Our people do not like the idea of returning from Springfield at midnight, in the rear car of a "slow freight," which generally constitutes the *extra train* from that city to Palmer, at the close of entertainments.

....The citizens of Warren did not show their appreciation of a fine musical entertainment last Tuesday evening, judging from the small audience that greeted the Hyers Sisters at Brigham's Hall. Those who did attend, however, were highly pleased and loud in their praise of this talented troupe. On the following evening they sang to a goodly number at Music Hall in this town, and as usual gave an excellent concert. This is the third time they have visited us during the last three months.

....It may not be generally known that F. N. Hosmer's store was the scene of a burglary a few nights since, and the proprietor a victim to the amount of $25 or more in stolen goods, though the exact loss cannot be readily ascertained. An entrance was effected through one of the rear windows by breaking a pane of glass, and thus being able to turn the fastenings and raise the lower sash. Among the articles missed from the store next morning were valuable neck-ties, collar buttons, sleeve buttons, a morocco bag, &c. Who the robbers were remains an unsettled question.

FAST DAY.

Union services were held at the East Cong. Church in the afternoon, with a sermon by Rev. W. M. Ayres, from the text, "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord." His subject was the importance of a recognition of God in the constitution of the United States. The discourse was a capital one, and listened to by an unusually large audience for such an occasion. At the close of the service the annual election of officers for the Sunday school occurred, resulting in the choice of S. B. Bond for superintendent, and for assistants, Geo. E. Winslow and W. L. Demond. Next came the annual meeting of the benevolent organization connected with this church. The report of the treasurer shows the total charitable contributions for the year to have been $3,699.93. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, J. W. Cummings; vice-pres., Geo. G. Hall; sec'y, Rev. Dr. Perkins; treas., Wm. Hyde.——Still later in the afternoon came the annual rental of pews in both the East Cong. and Methodist churches. At the former the premiums amounted to $1,722, at the latter about $200, being in each case an increase on the amount received last year.——In the evening came Morton's Pictorial Exhibition at Music Hall, comprising Frankestein's painting of a "Trip to Europe," and Barrett's moving tableaux of "The City of London." The exhibition was an entertaining one and gave excellent satisfaction to the audience. Appropriate music was introduced during the evening, consisting of piano solos by J. M. Crosby, jr., cone solos by Master Fred Gould, and songs by James Brennan, all of which were of an interesting and pleasing character. The historical delineations were by Mr. Henry M. Hitchcock, proprietor of the exhibition, and reflected much credit on this gentleman.

Little Bits.

—The women are about to open their crusade on the rum shops in Boston.

—April Fool came in very chilly this year.

—The spring emigration of families has commenced.

—That dreadful season of house-cleaning is upon us. Fly, O ye husbands.

—No alteration in the style of men's pants this season.

—A bachelor in Springfield, Vt., keeps twenty-seven cats, and why his neighbors do not murder him is a mystery.

ASSASSINATION.—Col. W. G. Terrell, a well-known journalist of Covington, Ky., shot a distinguished lawyer of that city named Myers on Saturday with a pistol, the wound resulting in death in twenty minutes. Terrell was known to be a dangerous man, and had trouble with his wife, who had sued for a divorce. Myers was her lawyer and had been threatened with shooting by Col. Terrell, if he continued the case. The murderer gave himself up without resistance.

HEAVY FIRES.—A fire broke out in Millerstown, Pa., Wednesday morning, in the Central hotel, by which seven persons were burned to death, and the loss is estimated at $232,800, sixty-nine buildings being destroyed.——Another fire at Rosendale, N. Y., nine miles from Kingston, Wednesday, broke out in a hotel, and destroyed a great amount of property, but no lives are known to have been lost.

INHUMAN NEGLECT.—The body of Ann Seabury was found in a house in New York on Wednesday, where she had been allowed to die alone with small-pox, her companions having all fled and left her when they found that she had the disease.

LOST AT SEA.—The steamship Nil was lost on her last voyage from Hong Kong to Yokohama, and all her passengers, 80 in number, were drowned, and among them the Japanese members of the Vienna Exposition.

☞Frank Monaghan, an employe at Shelton's bolt shop, Birmingham, Conn, recently received a letter from a lawyer in Texas, informing him that his wife and two sisters had fallen heirs to an estate valued at $60,000.

☞Rev. D. H. Stoddard, who has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Great Falls, N. H., preached his farewell sermon at Athol on Sunday. He had been at Athol seven years, and his departure is greatly regretted

☞A fire in the Empire mine near Wilkesbarre, Pa., has cost the company $110,000, spent endeavoring to quench the flames, and $400,000 in coal, which but for the fire the miners would have taken from the earth.

☞Temperance has been triumphant in Lockport, N. Y., formerly a profitable locality for rum-sellers. The people have not only stopped drinking, but voted that there shall be no more license.

☞Four masked burglars in Jersey City Sunday night entered a dwelling and failing to get the plunder they anticipated, set fire to the house, nearly burning up the proprietor with his dwelling.

☞In Iowa a movement has been started to remove curtains, painted glass and other arrangements for concealment from the windows of saloons, making them public as dry goods stores.

☞Three tons of base ball bats have been shipped by a single Vermont manufacturer to the Boston market this winter.

☞Granger hats, made of straw, are to be one of the novelties of the coming Summer.

☞The seniors of the Agricultural College at Amherst have voted to dispense entirely with class day.

☞The only Hotel in London kept on the American plan, paid a dividend last year of 17½ per cent.

☞George W. Austin, Treasurer of the Mankato (Minnesota) Normal Schools, has run away with $2,000.

☞Three ladies in Willimantic, and one in Saybrook, Conn., have registered their names to become voters.

☞Electric butter is the latest novelty. A pint of milk is said to be transformed into a pound of butter in less than a minute.

☞A lad in New York was killed by another boy hitting him in the eye with a stone, which crushed in his eye, lockjaw ensuing.

☞The temperance cause makes rapid headway in Canada, twenty-six lodges of Good Templars having been organized in February.

☞Twice within a week a sleeper has been discovered on the track of the Providence and Worcester Railroad in season to prevent accidents.

☞The annual conference of the Second Adventists in this State began at Worcester Tuesday evening, and will continue until Sunday evening.

☞The late Senator Sumner would never accept a free pass on a railroad or a deadhead ticket on a steamboat. He was able to pay for riding.

☞There are now nearly 500 subordinate Granges in Minnesota, with an average membership of 25,000. Colarado reckons about 2,000 Grangers.

☞French editors are required by law to allow a person attacked in their columns a space twice that occupied by the attack in order that a reply may be given.

☞In St. Louis everybody is considerate, and therefore a daily paper remarks: "Two gentlemen and a lady left for the penitentiary Tuesday evening."

☞Some people in Illinois, who have evidently known what it is to pay ten dollars for five cent pen wipers, have petitioned the Legislature to abolish church fairs.

☞The actual expense of cremation is about $2. This would be a great saving on the present cost of funerals. Besides, what economy there would be in carriage hire.

☞Senator Hamlin of Maine is passionately fond of dancing, and trips the light fantastic at almost every public ball or hop in Washington until the very last sound of the fiddle.

☞Illinois has extended to married women every right but that of suffrage. They can keep their own earnings, and transact business with their husbands as with strangers.

☞Robert Thompson of Lowell, while affected by delirium tremens Monday night, assaulted his family with a butcher knife, doing no severe injury, but making it necessary for him to be arrested.

☞A school mistress at Felix, Ohio, recently attempted to punish an unruly boy. He made a savage rush at her with a club, when she seized a chair to defend herself, and struck him a blow which proved fatal.

☞James Palmer, who was a passenger conductor upon the Vermont Central Railroad from 1847 to 1855, and most of the time since upon the Michigan Southern Railroad, died at Elkhart, Indiana, on the 25th ult.

☞The latest-discovered mail robber, Wm. A. Brayton of Providence, R. I., has been released on $2,500 bail. His father is a wealthy citizen of Alburgh, Vt., and it is hardly probable that Brayton, who has confessed his crime, will appear for conviction.

☞A man in Cincinnati named J. Anderson has proved a defaulter to the amount of $100,000. He kept a store and got trusted for goods to the above amount, and then disappeared and the store was found empty by the creditors when they investigated the affairs.

☞Six loaded freight cars of the way freight and passenger train on the Dutchess and Columbia Railroad, tumbled down thirty feet through the Glenham bridge into the creek, Tuesday afternoon. The amount of damage to the bridge and cars is $10,000. Nobody was hurt.

☞The young women of Salem, Oregon, have formed themselves into a society to investigate the character and habits of the young men in the town. The young men, however, have also organized and have resolved not to associate with any young woman who chews gum or talks too much.

RETURN OF DR. DUPREE TO WARE!—BY PARTICULAR REQUEST!—At the earnest solicitation of many who were unable to see the Doctor during his recent short visit, he has concluded to return to the Hampshire House next week, and, will remain there four days, commencing Tuesday, April 7th. This will give everybody from far and near an opportunity to see this great operator, and have their sore corns, bunions, ingrowing nails, &c., cured without fear of failure. Dr. Dupree invites all his patients to call and receive further treatment if necessary, free of charge. This will convince the most skeptical that he is desirous of giving permanent satisfaction to all. Those who are suffering with sore feet should give him a call. Refers to Rev. B. W. Atwell, Mr. F. N. Hosmer, Mr. John H. Howe, Mr. R. Snow, and many other well-known citizens.

☞The Agassiz Memorial fund has reached $91,238.

☞Strawberry festivals are a leading article at New Oorleans.

☞Philadelphia rejoices in a debt of about sixty million dollars.

☞And now the ladies are much exercised concerning their head gear for spring.

☞Only three ladies have been obtained to open the crusade on the rum shops of Boston.

☞How fashions change! Hotel clerks will not wear so many diamonds the coming season as heretofore.

☞A portion of the girls employed in the Whiting and Parsons paper mills at Holyoke struck for higher wages on Tuesday.

☞Wm. S. Skolfield, who stole money letters from the Boston Post Office, was Wednesday sentenced to three years in the State Prison.

☞Joseph H. Crosby of St. Albans has been appointed State agent of the Patrons of Husbandry, and has been put under $100,000 bonds.

☞Mr. George C. Nichols, for a number of years principal of the Fairhaven High School, has been elected to a similar position at Webster and has accepted.

☞The dress of the period has a perfect network of tapes underneath, and if one be pulled too hard, or another be not pulled enough, dire confusion is the result.

☞Here is the latest chromo dodge. A preacher "up country" offers to every persons who shall not miss one of his sermons for a year the gift of "an elegant chromo."

☞The lady members of the class just graduated from the medical department of the Michigan State University speak in the highest terms of their treatment by both professors and students.

☞Athol claims the meanest man in that vicinity. His meanness consists in borrowing a man's saw, filling his box with wood from the lender's pile, and then lending the saw and charging for its use.

☞A strike has occurred at Woodberry, Ind., in a large cotton factory. Men, women and children were employed twelve hours per day, and very reasonably demand a reduction of the hours of labor.

☞State Constable Maxwell and several policemen entered the gambling-house of George Cook of Springfield, Monday night, breaking down the doors with an axe. No game was in progress, and no arrests were made.

☞The latest Parisian idea is a theatrical journal called *La Claque*. The editor will write up theatrical stars for a consideration, and will engage to send well trained bands of men to applaud whenever his clients appear.

☞There is a Danbury legend to the effect that a party desiring to transact some private business with another, was invited by the other to step into a neighboring store. "But we will be disturbed there," said the first party. "Oh, no," said the second party, "they don't advertise."

A CARD.—Mr. and Mrs. Morton Sedgwick desire to express their heartfelt thanks to his many friends for their recent generous remembrance of him, and also for the many past kindnesses shown him during his present illness.

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BORN.

At Ware, 26th ult., a son to JOSEPH C. BRECKENRIDGE.

At Warren, 26th ult., a daughter to GIDEON CULVERHOUSE.

At Monson, 29th ult., a daughter to FRANK PARK.

MARRIED.

At Palmer, 31st ult., by Rev. L. F. Shepardson, FRANK D. ORCUTT of Litchfield, Ill., and Mrs. ELIZA M. MOORE of Palmer.

At Enfield, 30th ult., by Rev. E. E. Ewing, JOSEPH LATHAM and Mrs. MARY A. COWAN.

DIED.

At Palmer, 30th ult., ALICE S., 6, only daughter of Dr. C. W. Cross.

At Thorndike, 31st ult., CATHERINE MCCARTY, 33.

At Belchertown, 31st ult., MARY H. COOMES, 36.

At South Wilbraham, 29th ult., EMMA, 76, widow of Samuel Beebe.

At Mansfield, Ct., 29th ult., SALLY GRANT, 80, mother of Mrs. Clark Fenton of Palmer.

At Waukegan, Mich., March 1st, LAURA F., 58, wife of S. N. Coy.

At Ludlow, 26th ult., GEORGE W. SHELDON, 24.

LOST.—On the road between Palmer and Monson, on Monday, March 30th, a bundle, containing boys' clothing. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office or with the undersigned.

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Monson, March 31, 1874. 1w5*

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON SAVINGS BANK, at Monson, Mass., March 31st, 1874.

LIABILITIES.

Deposits,	$165,609.58
Interest,	5,088.56
	$170,698.14

RESOURCES.

Bank stock,	$37,859.50
Loans on Bank stock,	7,950.00
Loans on real estate,	103,500.00
Loans on personal security,	13,000.00
Expense account,	445.50
Cash on hand,	6,943.14
	$170,698.14

The trustees have directed interest at rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be paid to depositors, Monday, April 6th, 1874.

After the payment of this interest, and of all taxes and other expenses up to date, the Bank has remaining a net surplus of $3,364.72.

E. F. MORRIS, Treasurer.

Monson, March 31st, 1874.

WANTED.—Agents to sell the life of CHARLES SUMNER, by Rev. Elias Nason, full, complete and authentic—a fine opportunity for wide-awake canvassers. B. B. RUSSELL, Pub., Boston. 4w5

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'Tis true, I'm old and feeble now, the strength has left my arm
That used to swing the axe and scythe on this time-honored farm;
'Tis not that I would think to add much to our wordly store,
For while we live we've plenty, wife, and why need wish for more?

I want to help support the cause, and help to swell the throng,
And cheer my younger brethren on, and sing the rallying song;
I want to see the coming man. if farmer he's to be,
Have easier times and speedier gains than have been dealt to me.

I'd like to see a farmer Judge, and ere my days are spent,
A farmer for a Governor and one for President;
I know you think these silly thoughts my poor old head deranges;
But have a little patience, wife, until we join the Grange.

I know there is enjoyment there, for many times, last fall,
I've seen their faces teem with joy, as they came from the hall;
Thoy do not wear such merry hearts where sinful work they do,
And they are pledged, I'll warrant, wife, to be upright and true.

What say you, then, shall we not go and help our neighbors there,
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I tell you I shall happier be, than merchant upon change
The day I find my name enrolled as patron of the Grange. —*Rural Press.*

☞Old maids in Virginia are politely called "belated sisters."

☞A Hoboken editor, being challenged, sent word in reply, "When I want to die I can shoot myself."

☞"Bob, did you ever see Miss S.?" "No." "How do you know she is handsome then?" "Because the women are running her down so."

☞A Malicious politician says the Grangers in Illinois turn out to dig the graves of deceased brothers, preventing extortion on the part of that "middleman," the sexton.

☞There is a man in Versailles, Kentucky, now supported by charity, who, some twenty years ago, used to display his wealth by pinning $100 bills on the lappels of his coat.

☞The story is told of a deacon who when at the house of a devoted woman, was asked to offer prayer, and excused himself by saying that he was not the spiritual but the financial deacon.

☞At the laying of the corner-stone of the new capitol of Iowa, no speeches were made, except a few remarks by a workman, who got his fingers pinched, and they were brief and to the point."

☞That was a practical woman who wrote to Evangelist Hammond, at St. Louis, asking prayers to lift the mortgage off her farm, that she and her little ones may not be thrown out of a home.

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☞"Little Tommy didn't disobey mamma and go in swimming, did he?" "No, mamma; Jimmy Brown and the rest of the boys went in, but I remembered what you said and didn't disobey you." "And Tommy never tells lies, does he?" "No, mamma; I wouldn't tell a lie for all the world." "Then how does Tommy happen to have on Jimmy Brown's shirt?" That conundrum was too much for Tommy. He had to give it up.

☞An old farmer employed a son of Erin to work for him on his farm. Pat was constantly misplacing the end-boards in the cart—the front board behind and the tail-board in front, which made the old man very irritable. To prevent blunders he painted on both boards a large "B,' then calling Pat to him and showing him the boards, said, "Now, you blockhead, you need make no mistake, as they are now both marked. This (pointing to one board) is 'B' for before, and that (indicating the tail-board) is 'B' for behind," whereupon the old gentleman marched off with great dignity.

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If I Should Die.

If I should die to-night,
My friends would look upon my quiet face
Before they laid it in its resting-place,
And deem that death had left it almost fair;
And, laying snow-white flowers against my hair,
Would smooth it down in tearful tenderness,
And fold my hands with lingering caress,
"Poor hands, so empty and so cold, to-night?"

If I should die to-night,
My friends would call to mind with loving thought
Some kindly deed the icy hand had wrought;
Some gentle word the frozen lips had said;
Errands on which the willing feet had sped;
The memory of my selfishness and pride,
My hasty words would all be put aside,
And so I would beloved and mourned to-night.

If I should die to-night,
Even hearts estranged would turn once more to me,
Recalling other days remorsefully;
The eyes that chill me with averted glance
Would look upon me as of yore, perchance,
And soften in the old familiar way;
For who could war with dumb, unconscious clay?
So I might rest, forgiven of all, to-night.

Oh, friends, I pray to-night,
Keep not your kisses for my dead, cold brow;
The way is lonely; let me feel them now.
Think gently of me; I'm travel-worn;
My faltering feet are pierced with many a thorn;
Forgive, oh hearts estranged, forgive, I plead;
When dreamless rest is mine, I shall not need
The tenderness for which I long to-night.
—*B. S., in Christian Union.*

MARTHA PHILLIPS.

She was dead. An old woman, with silvery hair brushed smoothly away from her wrinkled forehead, and snowy cap tied under her chin; a sad, quiet face, a patient mouth with lines about it that told of sorrow borne with gentle firmness; and two withered, tired hands, crossed with a restless look. That was all.

Who, looking at the sleeping form, would think of love and romance, of a heart only just healed of a wound received long, long years ago.

Fifty years she had lived under that roof, a farmer's wife. If you look on that little plate on her coffin lid, you will see "Aged 70," there, she was only twenty when John Phillips brought her home a bride.

A half-century she had kept watch over dairy and larder, had made butter and cheese, and looked after the innumerable duties that fall to the share of a farmer's wife. And John had never gone with buttonless shirts or undarned socks; had not come home to an untidy house and scolding wife. His trim, tidy Martha had been his pride; and though not a demonstrative husband, he had boasted sometimes of the model housewife who kept his home in order.

But underneath her quiet exterior there was a story that John never dreamed of, and would have believed impossible had he been told. She did not marry for love. When she was nineteen, a rosy, happy girl, a stranger came on a visit to their village, and that summer was the brightest and happiest she ever knew. Paul Gardner was the stranger's name; he was an artist, and fell in love with the simple village girl and won her heart; and when he went away in the autumn, they were both betrothed.

"I'll come again in the spring," he said. "Trust me, and wait for me, Mattie dear."

She promised to love and wait for him till the end of time, if need be; and with a kiss on her quivering lips he went away.

Mattie Gray did not tell her father and mother of her love, for they had no liking for London folks, and had treated Paul none too hospitably when he had ventured inside their home.

Spring time came, and true to his word, Paul returned; he stayed only a day or two this time.

"I am going away in a few weeks to Italy, to study," he said. "I shall be gone two years, and then I shall come and claim you for my bride."

They renewed their vows and parted with tears and tender, loving words; he put a tiny ring upon her finger, and cut a little curly tress from her brown hair, and telling her always to be true and wait for him, he went away.

The months went by, and Mattie was trying to make the time seem short by studying to improve herself so that she might be worthy of her lover, when he should come back to make her his wife.

"It must be about time for him to start," she said to herself one day.

And by and by as she gazed over a newspaper, her eyes were attracted by his name, and with white lips and dilated eyes she read of his marriage to another.

"Married! Taken another bride instead of coming back to marry me! Oh, Paul, Paul! I loved and trusted you too much for this."

She covered her face with her hands and wept bitterly. An hour afterward, as she sat there in the twilight with the fatal newspaper on her lap, she heard a step on the gravel walk, and looking she saw John Phillips coming up the steps.

He had been to see her often before, but had never yet spoken of love, and had of course received no encouragement to do so. He was a plain, hard-working farmer, with no romance about him, but matter-of fact to the core. His wife would get few caresses or tender words. He would be kind enough—give her plenty to eat and wear—but that was all.

Now he seemed to have come for the express purpose of asking her to be his wife, for he took a chair and seated himself beside her and after the usual greeting, reserving scarcely a moment to take breath, began in his business like way, to converse. There was no confession of love, no pleadings, no hand-clasping, no tender glances; he simply wanted her; would she be his wife? His manner was hearty enough; there was no doubt he really wanted her—would rather marry her than any other woman he knew—but that was all.

Her lips moved to tell him she did not love him; but as she let her eyes fall from the crimson-hearted rose that swung from the vine over the window, she caught sight of those few lines again.

"Married!" she said to herself. "What can I do! He doesn't ask me to love him. If I marry him I can be a true wife to him, and nobody will know that Paul has jilted me."

The decision was made. Her cheeks were ashy pale as she looked straight into his eyes and answered, "Yes, I will be your wife."

Her parents were pleased that she was chosen by so well-to-do a young man, so it was settled and they were married the same summer. People thought she sobered down wonderfully; more than that nothing was said that would lead any one to suppose that any change had taken place.

Yes, she had sobered down. She dared not think of Paul. There was no hope ahead. Life was a time to be filled with something, that she might not think of herself. John was always kind, but she got so wearied of his talk of stock and crops, and said to herself, "I must work harder, plan and fuss and bustle about as other women do, so that I may forget and grow like John."

Two years went swiftly by. A baby slept in the cradle and Martha—nobody called her Mattie but Paul—sat rocking with her foot as she knitted a blue woolen stocking for the baby's father. There was a knock at the half opened door.

"I have got into the wrong road; will you be kind enough to direct me to the nearest way to the village?" said a voice, and a stranger stepped in. She rose to give him the required direction, but stopped short, while he came quickly forward.

"Paul!"

"Mattie!"

His face lighted up and he reached out his arms to draw her to him. With a surprised pained look she drew back.

"Mr. Gardner, this is a most unexpected meeting."

"Mr. Gardner!" he repeated, "Mattie, what do you mean?"

Don't call me Mattie, if you please," she replied with dignity. "My name is Phillips."

"Phillips!" he echoed, "are you married?"

"These are strange words from you, Paul Gardner. Did you think I was waiting all this time for another woman's husband? That I was keeping my faith with one who played me false so soon?"

Played you false! I have not. I have come as I promised you. The two years are but passed, and I am here to claim you. Why do you greet me thus? Are you indeed married, Mattie Grey?"

She was trembling like an aspen leaf. For an answer she pointed to the cradle. He came and stood before her with white face and folded arms.

"Tell me why you did this! Didn't you love me well enough to wait for me?"

She went and unlocked a drawer and took out a newspaper. Unfolding it and finding the place, she pointed to it with her finger, and he read the marriage notice.

"What of this?" he asked, as he met her questioning, reproachful look. "Oh, Mattie! you thought it meant me! It is my cousin. I am not married, nor in love with any one but you."

"Are you telling the truth?" she asked, in an eager, husky voice.

And then as he replied "It is true," she gave a low groan and sank down into a chair.

"Oh, Paul, forgive me! I didn't know you had a cousin by the same name. I ought not to have doubted you, but 'twas there in black and white—and this man, my husband, came, and I married him."

With bitter tears she told how it happened. With clenched hands he walked to and fro, then stopped beside the cradle and bent over the sleeping child. Lower he bent till his lips touched its wee forehead, while he murmured to himself, "Mattie's baby."

Then he turned, and kneeling before her, said, in a low voice, "I forgive you, Mattie; be as happy as you can." He took both her hands in his, and looked steadily, lovingly into her face. His lips twitched convulsively, as he rose to his feet. "I have no right here—you are another man's wife. Good bye—God bless you!"

He turned as he went out of the door, and saw her standing there in the middle of the room, with arms outstreched. He went back, and putting his arms around her, pressed one kiss on her cheek, then left the house, never looking back.

And she went down on her knees beside her sleeping baby, and prayed for strength to bear her great trial. They never saw each other again.

Seventy years old! Her stalwart sons and bright-eyed daughters remember her as a loving devoted mother, her grey headed husband as a most faithful wife.

"Never was a woman more patient and kind, and as good a housewife as ever was," he said, as he brushed the back of his old brown hand across his eyes, while looking down on the peaceful face.

And not one of them ever knew of the weary heart and broken hopes that had died in her breast, nor ever dreamed of the sad load she had borne through life.

A SINGULAR MARRIAGE.—About thirteen years ago Silas Silsbe, having formed an attachment for another man's wife, quietly bought the woman of her husband, giving him in consideration a gun and a watch. Ever since, the woman in all respects has been a faithful wife to Silas, and to all appearances they have been as happy as the majority of married people; they have a son twelve years old. Lately a protracted meeting has been held in the neighborhood which has awakened the conscience of Silas, and as a result he became dissatisfied with the condition of affairs about home. He frankly told the woman that he could no longer consider her his wife, nor treat her as such, unless they were lawfully married. Accordingly Rev. Mr. Gates was called to the residence of Silsbe, and in the presence of the twelve year old son they were united in marriage.—*Geneva (N. Y.) Courier.*

☞A person with long, fair whiskers, and dressed in the height of fashion, entered a hosier's in Vienna, and requested the shop woman, who happened to be alone, to show him some colored shirts. Every variety was brought out, when he made his choice, and requested that a parcel might be made up for him. This being done, "What an idiot I am!" he said. Would you oblige me, mademoiselle, by putting one on over your dress?"

The shopwoman having complied with his request. "Be so good," he continued, as to button the collar and wristbands, that I may get a thoroughly good idea of the effect. And now," he added taking up his parcel, "allow me to wish you a very good morning!" and in an instant he was outside the door and had disappeared, the unhappy girl, perfectly stupefied, not daring to follow into the street on account of her singular costume. Her employer, on returning from his call an hour later, found her with the fatal garment still on, crying on the counter.

☞Since the beginning of the temperance crusade a great many ladies have been admitted to the bar.

An Invitation.

Spring! Spring cometh, my darling!
Lift thy brown eyes, and greet her with me.
Down from the hillsides the brooklets are flowing;
So flows my love with fresh impulse to thee.

Spring! Spring cometh, my dearest!
Come to the woods and greet her with me.
Fast, 'neath their thick leaves, the May flowers are growing:
So grows my passionate love, sweet, for thee!

Spring! Spring cometh, beloved!
In the bright morning greet her with me.
Birds to their mates in the tree-tops are calling;
So calls my longing heart, ever, to thee.

Spring! Spring cometh, my darling!
In the cool evening greet her with me.
On the coy violets dewdrops are falling;
So may God's blessings fall sweetly on thee.
—*Galaxy.*

A LESSON ABOUT DILIGENCE.

There was a duke once who disguised himself and placed a great rock in the middle of the road. Next morning a peasant came that way with his ox-cart.

"Oh, these lazy people," said he; "there is this big stone right in the middle of the road and no one will take the trouble to put it out of the way." And so Hahns went on scolding about the laziness of the people.

Next came a gay soldier along. His head was held so far back that he didn't notice the stone, so he tumbled over it. He began to storm at the country people round there for leaving a huge rock in the road. Then he went on.

Next came a company of merchants. When they came to the stone the road was so narrow that they had to go off in single file on either side. One of them cried out, "Did anybody ever see the like of that big stone lying here all the morning, but no one stopping to take it away?" It lay there for three weeks, and no one tried to remove it.

Then the duke sent around word to all the people on his lands to meet near where the big rock lay, as he had something to tell them. The day came and a big crowd gathered. Old Hahns, the farmer, was there, and so were the merchants. A horn was heard and a splendid cavalcade came dashing up. The duke got down from his horse and began to speak to the people:

"My friends, it was I who put this stone here three weeks ago. Every passer-by has left it just where it was, and has scolded his neighbor for not taking it out of the way."

He stooped down and lifted up the stone. Directly underneath it was a round hollow, and in the hollow lay a small leathern bag. The duke held up this bag that all might see what was written on it—"For him who lifts up the stone." He untied the bag and turned it upside down, and out upon the stone fell a beautiful gold ring and twenty large bright coins. So they all lost the prize because they had not learned the lesson or formed the habit of diligence.

DECAYING RELIGIONS.

Turning to the various religions, the professor compared those which had with those which had not the missionary spirit. The former were alive, the latter were dying or were dead. The religion of Zoroaster, the religion of Cyrus, Darius, and Xerxes, the religion which but for Marathon and Salamis might have become the religion of the civilized world, was now professed by only 100,000 souls, and another century would probably exhaust the remnant who still worshipped the wise spirit Ahuramuzda. The Jews were about thirty times the number of the Parsees, and would probably never increase, though they might not soon vanish. Brahminism was still professed by 110,000,000 souls, but it was dead, because it could not stand the light of day. The worship of Siva and Vishnu was more barbarous than the worship of Jupiter, Apollo and Minerva. It might live on, but when a religion had ceased to produce prophets, champions and martyrs, it was virtually dead. It was true that the goddess Kali, with her necklace of human heads, her disheveled hair, her protruded tongue and blood stained girdle, was still, in the broad daylight of the nineteenth century, carried through the streets of her own city—Calcutta. But ask any Hindoo who can read write and think, whether these were the gods he believed in, and he would smile at your credulity. The decisive battle for the dominion of the world would have to be fought out between the three missionary religions—Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Christianity. The number of Christians were double the number of Muhammendans, but Buddhism still occupied the first place in the religions census of mankind.

HATRED OF WOMEN.

If you quarrel with a woman over night, you invite the devil to breakfast. Having made a woman your foe, you have poisoned the air you breathe in common. Nature, who has deprived her of physical power to strike, has bestowed mental power to hate; and hate is more formidable than the heaviest blows. These must be exhausted ere long; that nourishes itself from within, and grows by self-indulgence. An angry woman, if she is comely, is picturesque and alluring. But aroused and fixed aversion which sometimes succeeds thereto is not pleasant to contemplate. Feminine hatred is a great force in the universe; it has created epochs and destroyed empires; changed destinies and retarded ages. Civilization has modified its impression, but not lessened its intensity. In the wars of to-day the enemies of the field may be conquered, but the enemies at home never can be. Technically, they do not bear arms; and yet the arms that they have they lay not down until they are victorious over the victors.—*Galaxy.*

LOVE AND BUSINESS.—With women, love is a business; with men, business is a love. This does not mean that women are mercenary in love, or that men deal in the spirit of love in their ordinary business. It means that love is to women, yet more than to men, an occupation, absorbing, that fills and uses much of life; that to men, business fills and uses much of their life in much the same way. As human life is at present ordered, this appointment of activities is unavoidable and appropriate.—*From Scrope in Old and New for April.*

☞The stage-driver who was arrested the other day for bigamy might have pleaded that he only wanted to collect the fairs.

WHY PEOPLE ARE POOR.

What doth hinder any man from earning his own living? Illness may come, sudden calamity may fall. Against these, even energy may be powerless; but apart from this, it is to be assumed that he who fails, fails because he lacks wisdom, and not opportunity. And the same weakness which prevented him from grasping the opportunity prevents him from keeping hold of it after it is put into his hand. Once in a while, once in a great while, a timely succor avails in a moment of temporary weakness or averts the consequence of a mistake, and the man starts ahead at a swinging pace. But oftener the results seem to indicate that it is of very little use to help people who cannot help themselves. The kingdom of pauperism is within them. The very causes that make them poor keep them poor. It is not that society bears down hard upon them. It is that they are self indulgent. If you see a widow and five children shivering over a few embers you pity them, and you must send them coal; but you cannot help feeling a wrathful contempt at knowing that they all went to the photographer's yesterday and had a picture taken, after buying a couple of twenty-five cent brooches, on the way, to adorn themselves withal. The very thing that yourself would hesitate to do on account of the expense, people who are partially dependent on your charity will do without hesitation. Where you will practice a natural, cheerful, unthinking self-denial, they will practice an equally cheerful, unthinking self-indulgence. The remnants of bread that you dry in the oven and save for future use they throw away. The fragmentary vest sleeve that you fashion into a flat-iron holder they put into the rag-bag and buy new cloth for their holders. Where you rise at half-past six, they lie till half-past seven. Where you walk, they ride. Where you pray and watch and strive to do your work thoroughly, they are content with anything that will answer. That is the reason people are so poor.

RIDING AFTER REINDEERS.—I wanted to see the Laps and drive a reindeer. They can go fifty miles an hour for two hours daily. The sledges are narrow, and have an oscillating motion, and one unaccustomed to them will tumble out in all directions. You drive with one line only; that reaches from the animal's horns, and is tied around your arm. After you get pitched out, the reindeer stops when he is tired of dragging you through the snow. Sometimes they 'bout face and buck you out, and not infrequently they perform that task by kicking. I was keeled out by a kick and snatched along 200 yards at the rate of nearly a mile a minute. We drove to an acquaintance who owned 4000 reindeer. I went into his tent, and found men, women, dogs, and other animals sleeping together, and I found so many fleas there that I took my bag and went out to sleep in a snow-bank.—*Du Chaillu.*

POPCORN AS A DESSERT.—I think I need not tell how to pop corn, need I? It is the best way to have a corn-popper, then you can watch the progress of the corn, and vary the degree of heat as seems necessary. Many imagine that the popcorn is more tender or brittle if taken from the hot fire and shaken about in the cold air as quickly as possible. Children are apt to stuff themselves with popcorn when they are not in the least need of a meal. Popcorn is food, and such a crowded condition of the stomach produces discomfort, and so popcorn is supposed to be unwholsome. It is quite the contrary if eaten as food with the regular meal and properly chewed. Try it with milk or apple-sance, or with any other fruit sance.

HE KNEW HIM.—At a very successful seance in Cincinnati the other night, a man burst into tears when the medium described very accurately a tall, blue-eyed spirit standing by him, with light side whiskers, and his hair parted in the middle. "Do you know him?" inquired a man at his side, in a sympathetic whisper. "Know him? I guess I do," replied the unhappy man, wiping his eyes. "He was engaged to my wife. If he hadn't died he would have been her husband instead of me. Oh, George, George!" he murmured in a voice choked with emotion, "why did you peg out?"

"THERE HE IS."—Saturday a policeman in the western part of New York city heard that a citizen of Twelfth street had been badly injured, and he called at the house to obtain particulars. He found the man lying on the lounge, his head bound up, and his face badly scratched, so he asked:—"What's the matter; did you get run over or fall down stairs?" "No, not exactly," replied the wife, "but he wanted to run the house his way, and I wanted to run it my way, and there he is."

BY MAIN STRENGTH.—Ole Bull once seeing the sights at Donnybrook Fair, when he was attracted by the sound of a very loud violin in a tent. He entered and said to the player: "My good friend, do you play by note?"

"The deuce a note, sur."

"Do you play by ear?"

"Niver an ear, yer honor."

"How do you play, then?"

"Be main strength, be jabers."

THE REASON.—The characteristic story of Parepa is told that once, when asked how she came to marry such a little man as Carl Rosa, who, probably to forestall jesting on the subject, generally good humoredly alluded himself to their difference in *physique*, Madam, with an arch smile and twinkling eye, demurely said:—"Now, would you really like to know?" "Yes," was the reply. "Why, because he asked me!" she replied with a merry laugh.

ACCOMMODATING.—A crossing sweeper was trying to get a gratuity from an excessively dandified individual, who, in resisting, urged that he had no change, nothing but a twenty-dollar bill. "I can get it changed for yer," said the youngster. On seeing the dandy hesitate as if from fear of trusting him with a twenty-dollar bill, he put it again, "If yer donbts my honor hold my broom."

☞A clergyman at Springfield who has a bad habit of adding "ah" to many of his words, told last Sunday of those who had been brought up on the Lord's side-ah.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1874.

THE President is beseeched to veto the currency inflation bill if it reaches him He is not much, however, in the veto business.

GEN. BUTLER popped in as a candidate for Senator in the Legislative vote, Tuesday. It was neck and neck between him and Whittier.

THE hours of session occupied by the Massachusetts Legislature are estimated to cost $10 a minute. Think of that, legislators, and hurry up.

SENATOR BOUTWELL'S health is reported as being very poor. His head is affected to an extent which prohibits him from reading or writing and his friends are quite concerned about him.

NEW ORLEANS has been in great danger the past week of an inundation, on account of the prevailing heavy rains and gales of wind. The river has been from one to six inches above high water mark, running over the levee in several places, and serious damage was apprehended.

BOSTON has had her anti-inflation meeting, and now if Congress don't take the back track the country might as well despair of the currency. When Boston speaks, she expects to be heard and obeyed, and if she is not heeded, she considers the rest of the world pretty stupid.

THE Samana Bay bubble has burst. The lease granted two years ago by President Baez to a company of Americans has been revoked. The fall of Baez was the signal for a general smash-up of this company, who now make a protest against the revocation of their lease. Dr. S. G. Howe of Boston is left at San Domingo as President of the company.

IT is charged that the Young Men's Christian Association at Washington upholds and defends its members who are charged with misappropriations of money, defrauding the Government and dabbling in all sorts of dishonest jobs. This trading in religious stock to serve the devil is operating against the Christian Association in that city.

THE Agricultural College at Amherst wants 20 per cent. of all the dog tax not used up in paying for damages done by the canines. With this fund it proposes to educate 240 students free, one young man from each representative district in the State This is an ingenious way to help on the college, which finds it up-hill work all the time. If it has got so that it resorts to dogs for scholarships it might as well go to the dogs and have done with it.

AT Bangor, Me., a new departure has been made by the temperance crusaders. Several of the handsomest young ladies in the city have been organized into a band by Mrs. W. H. Lawrence, who will teach them temperance songs, and it is claimed that they will do more good in this way among the young men than the older band, which is composed of middle-aged and aged ladies, and the new band will work auxiliary to the old one, by furnishing music at the temperance meetings, and if advisable in the bar room raids.

A NEW argument has been used against Judge Hoar this week in his race for U. S. Senator. James Redpath and Wendell Phillips have charged that Mr. Hoar is opposed to Sumner's civil rights bill, which the Senator when dying committed to his trust. His friends claim that though he was originally opposed to the bill, Sumner converted him to its support before he died. and he is all right in that respect. It would not, of course, do to elect an enemy of Mr. Sumner's measure to fill his chair, and those opposed to Mr. Hoar have magnified this charge, hoping thereby to help their side of the question.

ABBY SMITH, whose cows have created so much sympathy throughout the country, attended town meeting at Glastonbury, Ct., last Monday, and being refused the liberty of addressing her townsmen in the town house, talked to them for an hour, standing in a wagon, outside of the building. She answered all questions promptly, and by her candid, straight-forward manner, made considerable impression upon the stony hearts of the Glastonburians. Some of her hearers, it is said, were convinced that she was right in asking to be represented in voting away her property to pay taxes. Abby Smith and her sister are doing much good in the way of spreading the new gospel of female suffrage. Let those cows be sold again.

HARD stories are told about Warden Chamberlain of our State Prison. His theory is that "prisons are made for punishment and not for reformation," which accounts for the unfeeling manner in which convicts are treated by him. Two discharged prisoners have told their stories of hardship before the Second Radical Club of Boston, enlisting the sympathies of the Club to such an extent that a committee has been appointed to wait upon Warden Chamberlain for permission to give the convicts a course of lectures. Mr. Chamberlain is a man of military experience, arbitrary and imperious in his manner, and the convicts have no love for him. Indeed, we do not expect that love is a virtue that he courts or cultivates at all. If such men are employed to govern our prisons all efforts at reforming them should be postponed till another generation.

A Spiritual Pillar Fallen.

Judge John W. Edmonds of New York died on Sunday last in that city at the age of 75. What was most remarkable in his life is the fact that he espoused the cause of Spiritualism some twenty-three years ago, and has since firmly believed it, becoming a medium and a public lecturer on Spiritualism. He was a lawyer by profession, and held many offices under the government of his State. In 1845 he was made a circuit judge, and subsequently elevated to the Supreme judgeship of the State. It was while on the Supreme bench that he embraced Spiritualism. He investigated the subject for six months before making up his mind, and having once become convinced he was immovable in his convictions. He wrote a book upon the subject, attended seances, and became one of the great lights and authority among Spiritualists. He was free to say that his decisions on the bench were influenced by spirits who constantly attended him. He said he saw them while delivering his opinions from the bench, which prejudiced many persons against him as a judge, and his defeat for re-election was the result. Still he kept on in his attachment to Spiritualism and held out to the last. He often saw visions, which he described to his friends, and during his fatal illness he declared that the spirit of his wife was with him, often talking with him. His favorite spirits were Fennimore Cooper, Van Buren, Wm. Penn, and Dr. George T. Dexter. He reported interviews with the spirits of President Lincoln and J. Wilkes Booth, who were said to be perfectly reconciled. A series of articles on political economy by George Washington were a feature of his mediumship in 1854, and later Judge Peckham, who was lost on the Ville du Havre, communicated the particulars of that disaster to him. He has done more to prop up and give reliable character to Spiritualism than any other disciple of that ism. He was a thoroughly honest and sincere man, an upright judge and practical Christian.

THE election in Connecticut on Monday resulted in a great victory for the Democrats. They carried the State ticket and the Legislature, thus insuring them a Democratic U. S. Senator in place of Mr. Buckingham. The vote for Governor gave Chas. R. Ingersoll of New Haven (dem.) 45,966; Henry B. Harrison of New Haven (rep.) 39,202; Henry D. Smith of Plattsville (prohibition) 4,564. The prohibition vote has more than doubled on last year.

The Legislature is strongly Democratic in both branches. The Senate promises to stand 17 Democrats and 4 Republicans, and the House will have about 30 Democratic majority. Along with everything else, the Democrats carried the municipal election in Hartford, defeating Henry C. Robinson, the present incumbent, with Alderman Joseph A. Sprague, whose majority is 409, against 1083 for Gov. Ingersoll. The whole Democratic city ticket was also chosen by majorities ranging from 393 to 1055.

THE Senatorial dead-lock at Boston is still unbroken. Up to Friday 19 ballotings had been taken, the result of each balloting varying very little after several of the first trials, when Dawes was down among the 60's. He has got up among the 90's now, but is still far from the desired goal, and the opinion is that a compromise candidate will be the only solution to this vexed question. Gov. Washburn has been named as likely to be the candidate upon whom the Republicans will unite, yet there is nothing certain as to this. Dawes will not be surrendered so long as there is the ghost of a chance for him. Already the people are getting tired of this struggle, and the daily ballotings are losing their interest. All sorts of rumors prevail, but the fact remains that there is no prospect of either of the candidates yielding the field.

The voting on Friday stood, Dawes 83, Curtis 72, Hoar 66, Adams 13, Bullock 12, Banks 8, Sanford 7, Washburn 4, Mary A. Livermore 1.

THE mystery about the burning Bald mountain in North Carolina has been solved, and makes a very farcical ending to the story. It appears that some three years ago, a fire was built in a crevice of the mountain to smoke out a coon, and this fire has been burning ever since. The excitement over the supposed burning and smoking of the mountain has caused intense terror among the dwellers on and around the mountain, and a great religious revival was the result, the churches being crowded, and the people coming out in a mass in abject terror to find safety from their threatened annihilation in repentance and turning from their wicked ways; but won't they return to their former deviltry now that the coon is out of the bag?

ONE of the officials of the National Bank at Brighton has been discovered deficient in his accounts to the amount of some $70,000. When called to account for the deficiency he acknowledged the defalcation and consented to surrender his property, which is sufficient to save the bank from loss. Great efforts are being made to keep the matter quiet, and not disclose the name of the defaulter, so that there will probably be no legal measures taken by the bank against the offender.

ALL reports to the effect that Mr. Richardson is going to resign the U. S. Treasuryship turns out to be groundless. He says he is not going to resign or go on a foreign mission, consequently some other method of getting rid of him will have to be resorted to. He is not a success, as a treasurer.

☞Granges were established, last week in East and West Granville, and at Littleville, all in Western Hampden County.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

....April showers bring May flowers.

....It has been a first-rate week for tramps.

....Farmers begin to think of plowing about these days.

....Judge Allen's brick block has grown above the second story.

....Traveling drummers nearly all prophesy another dull season.

....Thirty snow-storms so far this season, if our reckoning isn't at fault.

....H. P. Holden has this week moved into his fine new house on Park street.

....The time for trailing arbutus is at hand. Who brings in the first bouquet this year?

....John Rich has sold his place on Knox street to William Gray of Three Rivers for $1700.

....A few sleighs were out yesterday (the 10th of April) and slipped along quite smoothly.

....Don't forget the auction sale next Wednesday on the Charles Goff place. See posters.

....Mrs. A. C. Collins is fairly established in her new store, and bids all a hearty "Welcome."

....John Feeney has bought the residence of Geo. W. Aspinwall on South Main street for $6000.

....The time of the singing of frogs has come, and the voice of the old croakers is heard in the land.

....Wood & Allen issue this week a tasty four-page bulletin of recent books which can be obtained through them.

....This village has four secret and at least four or five open societies, nearly all of them social in their nature.

....Sunday school concert at Second Cong. church to-morrow in place of usual afternoon sevice. Subject:—"The Hours."

....A council of the Sovereigns of Industry was organized at Wilbraham last Saturday and the officers were elected on Wednesday.

....A barber-ous fight last week Thursday evening in this village was prevented by the intervention of the "big brother" of one of the parties.

....Water and coal have been used very sparingly by many of our villagers the past week, on account of the scarcity of those necessaries of life.

....Rev. E. A. Goddard of Newton will preach at the Baptist church in this village to-morrow. The slips in the church will be rented on Wednesday next.

....Shoemakers who want to purchase stock for their business need not post off to Springfield, when they can be furnished by Calvin Hitchcock at his stand.

....Frank Blair, who was shot by Frank Morgan at Springfield, was out on Monday, although against the doctor's orders. Morgan, his assailant, is still at large.

....The agent of the State Board of Education was in town yesterday (Friday) and talked with the teachers and others on educational matters at the high school house.

....Seventeen tons of mail were sent to and from Palmer station over the Boston & Albany R. R. during the 30 days in March, and six tons and a half over the Ware River R. R. during the same length of time.

....Wednesday was the opening day of the spring fashions in Springfield, and many ladies from this village went to see, admire and purchase, some of them coming home with happy faces and empty portmonnaies.

....J. F. Coles of Boston, one of the best temperance speakers in the State, will address the Temperance Reform Club at their meeting next Monday evening, at 7.30, and a hearty invitation is extended to all to come and hear him.

....The public schools in this village all commenced on Wednesday, Miss Buxton of Brimfield, having been engaged as teacher for the intermediate department, to fill the place of Miss Roys, who has accepted a similar position at West Brookfield.

....No one who attends the Cong. church in this village can fail to notice and admire the beautiful and carefully arranged floral decorations furnished for the pulpit every Sabbath, by Mrs. J. K. Knox. The Easter cross last Sabbath was very pretty and appropriate.

....The Good Templars held a pleasant sociable last Saturday evening at Truman Griswold's on South Main street. H. G. Cross has been appointed D. G. W. C. T. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The next sociable will be held this (Saturday) evening with Miss Emma Perry.

....The Old Folks' Concert Troupe have presented their efficient leader, Mr. Chas. Brakenridge, with a handsome silver cake basket, in token of their appreciation of his services. Mr. B. is expecting soon to leave town to accept a position as conductor on the Fitchburg R. R.

....Jos. Gerard of Thorndike for evading payment of his fare on the Boston & Albany railroad, from Springfield to this station while intoxicated, was fined $4 and costs by the District Court.——William Mason for an assault also paid a fine of $4 and costs, and was discharged.

....The special town meeting on Monday elected Nathan Howard and Merrick Whitney to fill the vacancy in the board of overseers of the poor, and they have taken the oath of office. The town treasurer was authorized to borrow money, and a committee appointed to abate taxes.

....Passengers on the Ware River and New London railroads, who start North in the morning, get severely frightened at the break-neck speed at which the trains run side by side for about two miles. The engineers like this race course but it is careless and dangerous, and this kind of racing should be stopped.

....Our young ladies can help the temperance cause in this village considerably, and make the meetings of the Reform Club more interesting by volunteering to vary the exercises by singing temperance songs, etc. In this way many, especially of the young men, can be drawn out to the meetings, who would not otherwise come to hear a temperance talk. Try it!

....The Young People's Literary Club Wednesday evening, decided "That the reading of the Bible in our public schools was beneficial, and should be enforced." The meeting was interesting, and the club starts on its second quarter with good promise of success. Miss Ida G. Foster was chosen to fill the vacant vice-presidency caused by the resignation of Miss Emma Perry.

....The new time table on the Ware River R. R. goes into effect next Monday, and gives two through trains daily between Palmer and Winchendon, the train now leaving Palmer at 8.30 a. m., and only runnins to Barre Plains, being changed to a mail train and running through to Winchendon, arriving here on its return trip at 5.38 p. m. The other changes are slight and unimportant.

....Wilbraham academy was the scene of a probably fatal accident Thursday afternoon. A party of students in one of the rooms of the academy were handling a pistol which was supposed to be loaded with a blank cartridge, and one of the students discharged it, the bullet entering the forehead of a young man named Laramore, inflicting a probably fatal wound.

....Last Saturday night two men, John Gaffney and Pat Watts, got into a quarrel at Mike Finnerty's saloon on South Main street and came to blows, when John, finding he was getting the worst of it, started for home, but (as he says) was pitched upon by several persons and badly beaten. The affair caused quite an excitement in the vicinity, and cries of "murder" rang out upon the solemn midnight air.

....The project for a public reading room in this village is meeting with considerable encouragement. At the meeting last Saturday evening it was decided to raise $500 to meet expenses by issuing 50 shares of stock at a par value of $10 a share, each stockholder being entitled to one vote for each share of stock. Messrs Geo. Robinson, J. H. Jenks and H. J. Lawrence were appointed a canvassing committee, and are ready to receive subscriptions at any time. It is proposed to open suitable rooms for library, reading and "amusement rooms," where all can have a chance to pass a pleasant, social and profitable leisure hour. Over $200 have been raised and it is desired that the remainder of the stock be taken as soon as possible.

WALES.

A Good Samaritan temperance society has been organized at Wales, with Rev. J. Shepardson as president.

LUDLOW.

Ludlow hopes to secure Rev. J. W. Tuck of Jewett City, Ct., to deliver the historical address at its coming centennial celebration on the 17th of June. The town has appropriated $400 to defray the expenses of the celebration, and appointed Maj. John Hubbard as chief marshal, and Lucius Symonds as assistant.

ENFIELD.

Deputy Sheriff Potter has removed to Northampton, where he has been doing a profitable business for some months past. ——The women's temperance movement was the principal theme of Rev. E. C. Ewing's Fast Day sermon. He favored the method adopted by the ladies of Worcester.——The Swift River Company is running on full time.

BELCHERTOWN.

The Cong. Sabbath School hold their anniversary next Sabbath, when an address will be given by the veteran Sunday school worker, Rev. Asa Bullard. A. E. Ferry has been chosen superintendent of the school for the ensuing year.——Rev. S. McLaughlin preached his farewell sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday. He expects to be located at Albany, N. Y.

WILBRAHAM.

The annual report of the selectmen of Wilbraham shows that $3684 was paid during the past year for the support of schools, paupers $2149, highways and bridges $2808, besides $464 for grading and hardening the Scantic road and $328 for repairs on red bridge. The contingent account amounted to $1330. The resources of the town are $2753, and the liabilities $398, leaving a balance of some $2344 in favor of the town. The list of town officers elected Monday will be found in another column. U.

BRIMFIELD.

The annual report of the town of Brimfield comes printed in an attractive manner and gives the following statistics:—Expenditures during the past year, $8524. including $200 for highway repairs, $2292 for schools, and $922 for paupers. The town has 318 polls, $205.103 of assessed personal estate, and $428,842 of real estate, 257 dwelling houses, 235 horses, 786 cows, and 267 sheep. The rate of taxation last year was $16.50 per $1000. The school report accompanying it gives many pointed suggestions for more thorough and intelligent modes of teaching.

THREE RIVERS.

J. M. Buffington of Three Rivers has brought a suit against A. W. Green of that village, alleging that he has been slandered. He thinks he has been damaged about $10,000 worth. Mr. Buffington has a note in the Palmer Savings Bank, which is endorsed by Mr. Green, and the latter says he cannot remember having signed any such note; hence the suit.——Wilson Arnold, aged 58 years, died very suddenly of heart disease at Three Rivers, Wednesday morning. He was formerly employed by S. W. Lawrence in the meat market at the depot village.

WARREN.

Emma A. Hitchcock, for two years organist at the Unitarian church has resigned to accept a similar position at the Cong. church.——H. C. Hayden of Boston gave select readings at Cong. church Thursday evening.——An elegant residence on Beacon street is in course of construction for Danforth Keyes.——The union prayer meetings this week have been held alternately at the Congregational and Methodist churches. The Fast Day union prayer meeting was commenced at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and continued without intermission until 9 o'clock in the evening.——The official board of the Methodist church have recommended the retaining of Rev. W. R. Tisdale for another year.——The Knowles Steam Pump Co. have established a warehouse at Boston, and on Saturday shipped the first of their new vertical steam pumps for sugar refiners.——Quaboag lodge of Masons entertained the masters and wardens of the 18th Masonic district on Tuesday, and Grand Lecturer Bancroft exemplified to them the work of the order.

MONSON.

Two of the Japanese students at Monson met with a serious accident last week Friday, by the upsetting of the carriage in which they were riding, in turning a corner. One of them named Matudor was considerably bruised.——Chester Hastings of Springfield has been appointed D. G. W. C. T. of Olympus Lodge, I. O. G. T., at Monson.——At the town meeting on Monday the usual town officers were elected, a full list being published elsewhere in this paper. Dr. G E Fuller bid off the collection of taxes for $140. The town voted to appropriate $500 for the purchase of a town clock to be placed in the Congregational church.——On account of the illness of D. Heaton who was engaged as supply, the services at the M. E. church will be conducted by members of the church next Sabbath.——E. Wheelock contemplates extensive repairs on the place recently purchased of Mrs. McMaster ——G. H. Newton organized a Grange of 21 members at Lanesville, Litchfield County, Conn., last Wednesday evening.——H. E. Aldrich is about making addition to his livery barn, to better accommodate his increased business. N.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Our annual town meeting passed off as usual, the only "bone to pick" being to determine the place to hold future meetings. The town voted to hold them in the *falsely* called Center Village. But one ticket for town officers was presented, and it was elected, and the appropriations made, as will be seen below, under the head of "Town officers for 1874." The town, by a full vote in the forenoon, passed the article to raise money for Decoration Day. A few minutes before the meeting dissolved, and when not more than twenty-five voters were in the room, that vote was reconsidered and $150 raised. The sum was a small one; the trickery used is the point, and coming as it does from the locality which claims the South Village is up to such things. "Consistency is a jewel," &c.——Some ten or more young lads entered the store of E. G. Vinica a few nights since, and commenced smoking and insulting those trading. Mr. V. ordered them to leave. As soon as in the street they commenced loud outcries, hooting and disturbing the whole community. Their names are all in the hands of the authorities, and if there are any more such demonstrations warrants will be issued. S. W.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1874

Enfield—Appropriations: Schools, $1500; roads and bridges, 1800: paupers, 600; contingencies, 1000; interest, and debt, 3000; total, 7900. The liabilities of the town are 25,622. E. E. Cabot was chosen supervisor of roads and bridges, and B. F. Davis, E. G. Welles and Ariel Hess were appointed constables.

Monson—Clerk, A. A. Gage; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Daniel G. Potter, Alanson N. Chaffee, Alfred Norcross; assessors, Joshua Tracy, E. N. Montague, Omar Pease: treasurer, William N. Flynt; school committee, three years, Charles Hammond, Joseph H. Carpenter, Lorenzo L. Squier, A. H. Maxwell; constables, George E. Keeney, A. T. Wing, Hiram Bliss, W. G. Meacham, John C. Aldrich and F. H. King.

Warren——Appropriations,— Highways, $3000: schools, 5400; school-house repairs, 1400; new school-house at West Warren, 5000; poor, 1200; contingencies, 2000; interest, 2500; reduction, of debt, 5000; fire department, 100; Memorial day, 150; hydrant at West Warren, 500; total, 26,250.

Wilbraham—Clerk and treasurer, William P. Spellman; selectmen and overseers of the poor, F. E. Clark, M. H. Warren, Albert Bedurtha; assessors, S. U. Stanton, A. J. Blanchard, M. F. Beebe; constables, H. Clark, A. S Newton, Miner Noble, C. E. Stacy; school committee for three years, A. B. Newell. Appropriations—Schools, $3209; paupers, 2000; highways and bridges, 2500; town officers and contingencies, 1000; Memorial Day, 150.

Holland—Clerk, F. E. Kinney; treasurer, Francis Wight; selectmen and overseers of the poor, William A. Webber, F. B. Blodgett, Roswell A. Blodgett; assessors, N. P. Marcy, G. L. Webber, R. A. Blodgett; road commissioners, William A. Webber, N. P. Marcy L. C. Howlett, A. W. Town; school committee, William A. Robinson; tax collector, Horace Wallis, Jr.; constable, E. P. Blodgett.

WARE AND VICINITY.

... The South street schools commence on Monday next.

....The total receipts at the Ware Post Office for the last quarter were $755.30.

....Rev. A. N. Woodruff of the Hardwick Baptist church has been compelled to retire on account of failing sight.

....Dr. Geo. R. Spooner of North Brookfield will hereafter make professional visits to Ware on Thursday of each week.

....The Young Ladies' Charitable Society met at the residence of Chas. E. Blood on Wednesday, afternoon and evening.

....Joseph H. Cummings has leased the farm owned by John Hathaway, situated a short distance south of this village.

....Miss Rebekah Clapp was found dead in her bed Monday morning, at her farmhouse in New Braintree, where for many years she had lived alone. She was 97 years of age.

....The First Cong. Society of Ware Center recently elected the following officers: Clerk, J. E. Bowdoin; Treasurer, W. L. Brakenridge; Prudential Committee, N. H. Anderson, J. I. Howard, Dwight Buffington.

....Rev. Mr. Emerson, formerly agent of the Amer. and Foreign Christian Union, presented the claims of that society last Sabbath, at the First Cong. church in the morning, and at the East Cong. church in the afternoon.

....Mr. E. H. Guilds, formerly of this town, and more recently a student of architecture at Boston, is now at Akron O., engaged in sketching residences and other buildings for use in a new County Atlas about to be published.

....Francis A. Marsh, a lad of 14, who had lived with Milton Lewis for a couple of years, was before Justice Richards' Juvenile Court on Monday for stealing money from Mr. Lewis. He was saved from the Reform School by the intervention of the Visiting Agency, through whose hands he passed into the State Primary School at Palmer.

....Rev. W. M. Ayers, for the past three years pastor of the M. E. church, delivered his farewell sermon last Sabbath afternoon to an audience which filled the house to overflowing. It is needless to say that the labors of Mr. Ayers in this community have been abundantly blessed and his service fully appreciated. He has won a host of warm friends, not only in his own congregation, but in society at large, and many regrets have been expressed, and felt too, that he is compelled to leave us. We cannot doubt that success will attend his efforts in whatever field his future lot may be cast.

....The second regular meeting of our newly-organized Temperance Reform Club was held on Monday evening at the Unitarian vestry, the attendance being somewhat larger than at the previous gathering in Grand Army Hall. Considerable interest was manifested in the new work, and the prospects of success in the direction of reform, as well as in awakening a general interest in the cause of temperance, seem quite flattering. Most of the evening was taken up in hearing the reports of committees, and in matters of business relative to a permanent organization. The club voted that five members be requested to address each regular meeting, those appointed for next Monday evening being as follows: Wm. E. Lewis, J. K. Osgood, Noah Marland, Geo H. Winslow and John P. Gallagher.

....The following sketch, furnished by a correspondent, will be of interest to our readers, especially to the older inhabitants of this town: "Mrs. Clarissa Anderson died in Ware on the 3d inst., at the age of 94. She was a native of Ware, and born during the Revolutionary War, in the year 1780. Her life consequently covered nearly the whole period of our history as a Republic, beginning only four years after the Declaration of the Independence of the United States. She was a member of the church in the center of the town 58 years, having united with it in 1816. Mrs. Anderson was the mother of twelve children, most of whom are still living. She was a woman of great activity, and retained the use of her physical and mental powers, in a remarkable degree till within a few months of her death. Thus has passed away one, whose life embraced nearly three fourths of the present century and one fifth of the preceding."

Around the County.

—The Catholic temperance societies of the State hold a convention in Springfield June 2.

—A college convention met in Springfield Saturday evening, to make arrangements for a base ball tournament the coming season. It will proably be held in July next.

—The A. O. H. of Hampden County held a convention at Springfield, Saturday afternoon, five divisions being represented.

—On Wednesday there was another strike at the Dwight mills in Chicopee, when 300 girl spinners, struck for a restoration of the wages they received before the panic, which were cut down 15 per cent.

—The Westfield Graugers propose having a series of social gatherings during the summer, the first being held last week.

—Westfield schools last year cost $23,255. There are 1314 children of school age in towns, and average school attendance 1045. Cost of tuition per pupil $11.82.

—The grounds of Mount Holyoke seminary are to be laid out and beautified by a landscape gardener from Boston.

☞The women's war in Glastonbury, Conn., is breaking out afresh. The tax collector called on the Misses Smith of Alderney renown, a few days ago, for another tax. The ladies received him very politely, but sternly refused to pay any more tax till they can vote. The collector, lest he should again be charged with being hasty, concluded to wait a few days, and then the alternative will be the Alderneys again.

☞Throwing old wall paper around the streets and in back yards will soon be practiced. Scientific experts say the practice is fraught with danger to the public health, caused by the presence of malarious matter.

☞Mr. Burnestein, an old and respected citizen of Corinne, Utah, was found murdered in his dwelling Monday morning. The family were all absent.

☞We have our opinion of any cow that will stand by and chew her cud when butter is selling at forty-five cents per pound.

☞It is true that the ladies contemplate with fiendish delight the near approach of house-cleaning time.

☞The town of Acushnet is out of debt and has $1822 cash assets. At the close of the war the town debt was $16,000.

Little Bits.

—Pullman, of palace-car fame, is building a seventy-five thousand dollar house at Long Branch.

—At New York theatrical benefits for the poor last week yielded fifty thousand dollars.

—The losses by fire in New England during the past year amounted to $1,688,380.

—A firm in Hillsboro', N. H., filled an order from England for five hundred boxes of clothes-pins in two days.

—More than one hundred women have entered the medical profession in the United States this year.

—Ohio has six natives to one person of foreign birth in its population.

—About two miles of cotton cloth are made in the mills at Great Falls, N. H., every day.

—Eight thousand tons of lobsters were taken on the coast of Maine during the year 1873.

—The Agassiz Memorial Fund now amounts to $96,552.

—Wendell Phillips has been invited by President Grant and others to deliver a eulogy on the life of Sumner, in Washington, at an early day.

A SHOCKING CASUALTY.—There was a frightful accident at the Bisbee Chemical Works, Hunter's Point, Tuesday. Four men sent to remove obstructions from a still were overpowered by the gas in the tank and three of them died in a few minutes after they were brought out by their comrades. The fourth, Wm. Hennessy, rallied somewhat, and there are hopes of his recovery. The faces were much discolored, indicating a terrible struggle. It is said that the accident was the result of criminal carelessness, for if the still had been opened and dried, as is the custom previous to a descent, the terrible affair would have been averted.

ANOTHER STEAMER FOUNDERS AT SEA.—The steamer Europe of the French Atlantic line sailed from Havre March 27th, and on the 2d of April she was found to be in a sinking condition, and her 400 passengers were taken off by the steamer Egypt in safety and brought to New York. The captain and a salvage crew remained behind in hope of saving the vessel, but the water gained on them so fast that they were obliged to signal the steamer Greece and abandon the ship, there being eighteen feet of water in the engine room.

TWO PERSONS SMOTHERED.—A brick house in Evansville, Ind., caught fire about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, while the inmates were asleep. Mrs. Rotter, a widow, and her son Louis, aged thirteen, were smothered. Charlie Potter, aged eleven, jumped from the third story and escaped with severe cuts on his hip. A man also jumped from the third story, but was not badly hurt. The bodies of Mrs. Rotter and son were discovered after the flames were subdued.

SHOCKING HOMICIDE.—Phillip Jones, an old farmer, was instantly killed by a rough named Benjamin Field, in a drinking saloon at Bluffton, Ia., Saturday, which had just yielded to the women's temperance movement. He was trying to make peace between a number of men who were disputing over a game of billiards, when Field struck him with a billiard cue, crushing in his skull.

KILLED IN A DUEL.—A duel was fought between Aristides Bienvenue and T. B. Phillips at Montgomery, Mo., Saturday, with doubled barrel shot guns loaded with single ball, at forty paces. Bienvenue was killed at the first fire, the ball passing through his brain. Phillips escaped unhurt.

☞The proprietors of a leading drug store in Washington give public notice that from April 2, 1874, the clergy of all denominations in Washington and Georgetown are invited to drink soda and mineral waters free during the season.

☞At Indianapolis Monday, in the Supreme Court, Judge Perkins decided that colored children have a right to attend the public schools of the State in any township where separate schools are not provided for their use.

☞The new paper mills at Salmon Falls was delivered over to the company November 1, fully equipped and ready to run, but owing to the dullness of the paper trade not a pound of paper has been made, and the property is reported for sale.

☞By a boiler explosion, Monday, at the Musconetong Tunnel, on the Eastern and Amboy Railroad, near South Bethelem, Pa., the master mechanic, fireman and helpers were killed and the engineer wounded. Cause unknown.

☞The Chicago Tribune estimates that getting born costs the people of the United States $220,095,000 annually; getting married, $250,000,000; getting buried, $73,839,450; total $543,984,420.

☞Two fishing boats capsized in a gale off Kenosha on Lake Michigan Wednesday. Four men were aboard. One was seen lashed to each of the boats, but the other two were drowned.

☞A relic of the ill-fated steamship Atlantic in the shape of a passenger's ticket printed in German and English has been taken from the stomach of a preserved salmon at St. John, N. B.

☞A little lame boy in Alexandria, Va., attempted to destroy himself on Wednesday by taking laudanum, but his act was discovered in time to save his life.

☞Solon Wilder, the musician, died at his home in Princeton, Monday night, rather suddenly.

☞The audacity of the Tichborne claimant knows no bounds. He has asked for another trial.

☞Clara Barton Post, G. A. R., of Warren, have engaged for memorial day Rev. A. J. Canfield of Chelsea as orator.

☞One hundred and ten persons were baptized in several Baptist churches in New York city and Brooklyn Sunday evening.

☞The Society of Friends in New Bedford numbers 800 members, and there has not been a birth among them for a year past.

☞The town of Concord, has voted to expend $5000 in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Concord fight, April 19, 1875.

☞The city marshal of Saco, Maine, has ordered his subordinates to see that all boys are off the streets by 9 o'clock at night.

☞The Ingleside hotel property at Holyoke was sold at auction, Monday afternoon, to N. S. Chandler of Springfield, for $29,751.

☞A saloon keeper in Indianapolis has been fined for giving his children beer, the law prohibiting the sale or gift of liquor to minors.

☞Colored Good Templars are rapidly increasing in Montgomery, Alabama. This is a good sign both for the city and its citizens.

☞A man at Logansport, Ind., has been mulcted in $138 damages on the suit of a woman against him for selling liquor to her husband.

☞Although there are 1200 shades of kid gloves, this season, no woman can find a pair to suit her without visiting at least eighteen shops.

☞For marching with the Stars and Stripes at their head, a battalion of Atlanta military was requested to withdraw from a Georgia military parade.

☞Boss Tweed's prison apartments are elaborately fitted up, and efforts are being made to place him on a level with other thieves in that institution.

☞The new church which the French Catholics are soon to erect at South Holyoke is to have a seating capacity of 1600, and will cost about $75,000.

☞It snowed all over New England Thursday night, and as far south as Delaware five inches of snow fell. Winter hangs on like the toothache.

☞William M. Storrs, formerly cashier of the First National Savings Bank of Concord, N. H., was on Wednesday indicted by the Grand Jury for embezzlement.

☞A Detroit paper noting the fact that a man fell down dead while combing his hair, says: "And yet there are people who will persist in that dangerous habit."

☞Brotherly love does prevail at Covington, Ky. A man named Huts living there has just won a verdict of $2700 in a suit for slander against his own brother.

☞In a Sumner memorial celebration in Charleston, S. C., Tuesday, only about 150 persons paraded, but the church where the eulogies were delivered was crowded.

☞The operatives of the Pequolg Hosiery Company, at Athol, struck last week, demanding 25 cents per day extra pay. The ringleaders were discharged and new hands employed.

☞Since a young woman in Baraboo, Wis., obtained $1000 damages for being kissed by a railroad conductor, the conductors in that region take ladies' tickets with a pair of tongs.

☞The public debt statement for March shows that the principal on the debt has been reduced $2,189,338 during the past month. The whole amount of the debt, April 1, less cash in the treasury, was $2,122,690,728.

☞Rev. Florence McCarthy, a Baptist clergyman of Chicago, on trial for unchristian and unmuisterial conduct, has been expelled from ministerial fellowship, though the church is advised to retain him in its membership.

☞At Truckee, Nev., March 25th, an icicle eighteen feet long and estimated to weigh ten tons fell and smashed a portion of the flume of the Truckee Lumber Company at their mill. The icicle was over six feet in thickness.

☞The women have commenced praying and singing to the rum-sellers in the eastern towns of the State. At East Douglass a saloon keeper became so excited that he fell down exclaiming, "God have mercy on my soul," and died in a few hours.

☞The constable of Bakersfield, Kern county, Cal., assisted by several other men, tried to capture an insane Celestial in that town one day last week. The maniac attacked one of the pursuers so furiously that it was deemed necessary to shoot him, the ball taking fatal effect.

☞Oliver T. Searing is an artistic defaulter: he embezzled $10,000 from the Montauk Insurance Company of Brooklyn, of which he was secretary, and bought works of art, curiosities and literary treasures. The company will recover 50 per cent.

☞The Episcopal Church in Worcester, was burned Tuesday night. Loss, $30,000; insured for $20,000; the Ætna, Phœnix and Hartford of Hartford, and North Bristol and Mercantile, each losing $2500. It was the most destructive fire in that city for years past.

☞While Dr. Deuuman, a German physician of Paterson, N. J., was handling a pistol in his room, it was accidentally discharged, and the ball entered the mouth and passed through the head of his friend, Michael Lottz, who was present in the room. Mr. Lottz is still alive, but likely to die.

☞The centennial celebration to be held at Philadelphia does not seem to progress financially very rapidly. The whole amount thus far raised and pledged, including $1,000,000 from the State and city, is $4,150,000. The leading business men in Philadelphia are giving their autographs for $10,000 each.

☞A little girl, playing in a field near Westminister, was attacked by a savage animal. Her brother, aged 15, climebd over the fence, and bravely fought the bull with a stick. "Run, sissy! run quick!" shouted the boy, and she saved herself by obeying. The boy, however, was gored so terribly that very likely he will die of the hurt.

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And him I questioned with a sigh,
Like any foolish maiden:
"Wise sir, please tell me wherein lies—
I know the question's silly—
The something that my art defies,
And makes a perfect lily."

He smiled, and stooping plucked the flower,
Then tore it, leaf and petal,
And talked to me for full an hour,
And thought the point to settle;
"Herein it lies," at length he cries;
But I—I know 'twas silly—
Could only weep and say, "but where—
Oh, doctor, where's my lily?"

—*Scribner.*

☞Defaulters are now more elegantly called "hypothecaries."

☞Whiskey is said to be a horn of plenty, because it will corn you copiously.

☞Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.—*Wordsworth.*

☞California is ahead of the older states in one thing. It taxes church property.

☞The oldest stove in the United States is used in the capitol in Richmond. It is considerably stove up.

☞A grasshopper was discovered at Pottersville on Monday. He was throwing snowballs at a mark.

☞There is no position drearier than that of carpenter's apprentice in a village where there is no town clock.

☞By taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing over it he is superior.—*Lord Bacon.*

☞The very worst typographical error we have ever seen is in the shape of a head line: "A Good Man Gone to Roost!"

☞The doctor says there is no disease from which a man will so easily recover as an affection for his mother-in-law.

☞Tall beaver hats, so very tall that they rightfully deserve the name of stovepipes, are to be fashionable this summer.

☞A young lady's excuse for not eating supper at a recent donation was that she didn't want to run the risk of injuring her corset.

☞It is getting into the churches. The sexton of a Baptist church in Troy has walked off with two thousand dollars of the pew rents.

☞He is incapable of a truly good action who knows not the pleasure in contemplating the good actions of others.—*Lavater.*

☞A missing man was lately advertised for and described as having a Roman nose. He won't be found. Such a nose as that will never turn up.

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☞A Delaware man committed suicide simply because some one left a basket and a baby on his front step. He was afraid his wife would object to step-children.

☞If we toiled as listlessly over the things of the world as over the things of heaven, the merchant would become a bankrupt, and the business man a beggar.

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☞Ruskin says he always gives the following simple advice to Bible readers: "Don't think that nature (human or other) is corrupt; don't think that you yourself are elect out of it, and don't think to serve God by praying instead of obeying.

☞A man's wealth depends more on his wife than his income. Some women will cause their husbands to become rich on five hundred a year; others can scarcely keep out of jail on five thousand. Saving has made more fortunes than getting one. If married men are poor, in nine cases out of ten it is their wive's fault.—*Ex.*

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And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
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Trials of a Twin.

In form and feature, face and limb,
I grew so like my brother,
That folks got taking me for him
And each for one another.
It puzzled all our kith and kin,
It reached a fearful pitch;
For one of us was born a twin,
And not a soul knew which.

One day, to make the matter worse,
Before our names were fixed,
As we were being washed by nurse,
We got completely mixed;
And thus you see, by fate's decree,
Or rather nurse's whim,
My brother John got christened me,
And I got christened him.

This fatal likeness even dogged
My footsteps when at school,
And I was always getting flogged,
When John turned out a fool;
I put this question, fruitlessly,
To every one I knew,
"What would you do, if you were me,
To prove that you were you?"

Our close resemblance turned the tide
Of my domestic life,
For somehow, my intended bride
Became my brother's wife.
In fact, year after year the same
Absurd mistakes went on,
And when I died the neighbors came
And buried brother John.

THE CALIFORNIA COUSIN.

BY MRS. M. A. DENISON.

Sydney Standish was at her writing-desk, and this is what she was writing:—

"DEAR MR. MELLVILLE,—I have been dared to write you; and if you remember me, I was never the one to shrink from any challenge.

"But now, what shall I say? I am utterly at a loss to begin a correspondence. Shall I tell you about Mayville, papa's business, or myself?

"I shall not ask you to come and see us, although I am sure you would admire Mayville, because I want you to follow the inclination of your own sweet will. I can, however, promise you, if you do come, buckwheat cakes for breakfast, and muffins for tea. The muffins are always composed by my own painstaking fingers, the buckwheat cakes are presided over by aunt Sally, the cook.

"Mayville has just received an accession, in the person of the Rev. John Newton. Besides a distinguished name, he has a distinguished presence. He is six feet high, and not a bit awkward, which is as good as any number of accomplishments. He is very agreeable to all of us, though I think he pays special respect to my muffins. He looks well in the pulpit, is earnest and good; we are all very proud of him, and some of us, I dare say, very fond of him.

"It is ten long years since I have seen you. Mayville has grown up in that time, and added a factory to her other attainments.

"I believe I have nothing more to say, so sign myself your willful cousin,

"S. L. STANDISH."

Sydney Standish folded, enveloped, and stamped the letter, laughing to herself all the time. Then she ran to the glass, shook her brown hair into order, and tripped down to the parlor. A demure but rather plain girl sat at the piano, practising. Sydney held up the letter.

"Syd! you never have been so reckless!" cried Sally Standish, rising and going toward her.

"I have written to Mr. Mellville, and the letter will go to-night," was the laughing reply.

"Syd! I'm ashamed of you," said Sally, and her cheeks flushed red.

"Now don't you worry, you dear, good proper sister; and just let me have my little fun; you're not to be responsible."

A week passed, and then came the following reply, written in a business hand:—

"MY DEAR COUSIN,—I felt quite honored by your kind favor. My business has been very pressing and I could not answer you before. I remember you as a child very well. Notwithstanding you will not ask me to visit you, I have made up my mind that I shall come out sometime next month, and renew our acquaintance.

"As you say, it is ten long years since I have seen you, but you also know that much of that time has been spent abroad. I did not forget my little cousin when in Paris, I assure you, and, in childish parlance, shall bring you something pretty. Till we meet, *au revoir*.

"J. C. MELLVILLE."

Sydney laughed and blushed over this letter. She hardly dared to show it to Sally.

"Who would ever have thought," she murmured, "that he would take it all so seriously? And he is actually coming, and——Oh! I can't let Sally see it; she will be wild. It seems just like asking for a gift. What shall I do? He evidently thinks Sally wrote the letter."

Sydney's cogitations resulted in another letter:

"DEAR MR. MELLVILLE,—I was so much pleased with your reply. You pardoned my boldness, and are actually coming to see dear little Mayville. It seems such a pity that we are all going away the first of next month. Of course, the house will be at your service.

"You say you remember me. You have no idea how plain I have grown. So you will not miss much in not meeting me. Pray pardon my impertinence. (I know it seems such, written to one who is comparatively a stranger,) and believe me, respectfully yours,

"S. L. STANDISH."

"There, he won't come now, certainly," she murmured, "although it is too bad he has neglected Sally so, when he knows what is expected of him. And she likes him, too, the foolish girl; and is so very angry that I have written him. The next time Frank dares me; I'll be more careful what I do."

In due time came an answer.

"DEAR COUSIN,—Yours received, and I thank you kindly for writing me again. Your penmanship is beautiful. You say you have grown plain. I have seen your photograph within a month, and I must frankly acknowledge that I think you have, though this kind of picture seldom does the sitter justice; yet allow me to add that there is a frank, kind look in your face, and a seal of character.

"I was so sorry you are going away after this month. It will be quite as convenient to me to come at once. So I will run down on Saturday, and stay over Sunday. Yours, devotedly,

"J. C. MELLVILLE."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Sydney, growing first pale, and then red. "He is coming, and there's no time to stop him now. He will expect to find Sally, knowing nothing about me, his wild western cousin. He will speak to her about the letters, and then she will tell him they were mine; and I have never seen him—only his photograph. And he's not a bit handsome; and I——Well, I know I am, and Sally is plain; and, oh, dear! what an awful muss! What shall I do?"

Sydney was unaccountably silent that day and the next. There was no help for it, she thought. Mellville would think her a bold, silly girl for writing to somebody she had never seen, and who always had been looked upon as Sally's particular property.

She pored over the photograph.

What a pity that he was so plain—a little, short, thin man, with black whiskers.

On Saturday, oddly enough, Sally was to spend the day by the bedside of a sick friend. Sydney staid at home, trembling.

At four o'clock a chaise drove up to the door. Sydney peeped from the half closed blinds of the upper window.

Out sprang an Adonis—the handsomest man she had ever seen in her life; and as tall as the new minister, only broader in the shoulders. His chestnut curls shone like gold in the sun.

Down went Sydney, her dark, gypsy face all on fire with blushes.

"Cousin Sally!" exclaimed the Adonis, and then stopped.

"But you are not cousin Joe," cried Sydney. "I should think you were thirty, at least," she added, impulsively.

"And I don't believe you are cousin Sally," he said, laughingly. "I'm not Joe, but John."

"And I'm not Sally, but Sydney," said the girl, growing radiant. "You must be the California cousin."

"And you must be the Minnesota cousin. My initial's are the same as Joe's; that's why I happened to get the letter. I'm glad of it."

"And my initial's are the same as Sally's," responded Sydney; "and I'm glad—no, I'm not; yes, I am, I mean."

John had to guess what she meant, for she stopped abruptly. Directly, he asked her if they were to have muffins for tea. That broke the ice. Sydney laughed, and chatted, and sang, and told stories about her wild, Minnesota home—and John fell in love with her then and there.

Long before Sally returned everything was explained. John staid over Sunday, and then over Monday, and till the week was out. At the end of that time he and Sydney were engaged. And they were as happy and comfortable as if they had been engaged ten years.—*Peterson's Magazine.*

OATMEAL, BONE, AND MUSCLE.—Liebig has shown that oatmeal is almost as nutritious as the very best English beef, and that it is richer than wheaten bread in the principles that go to form bone and muscle. Prof. Forbes, of Edinburgh, during some twenty years, measured the breadth and also tested the strength of both the arms—a very numerous class, and of various nationalities, drawn to Edinburgh by the fame of his teaching. He found that in height, breadth of loins, the Belgians were at the bottom of the list; a little above them the French; very much higher, the English; and the highest of all, the Scotch and Scotch-Irish, from Ulster, who, like the natives of Scotland, are fed, in their early years, with at least one meal a day of good milk and good oatmeal porridge. Speaking of oatmeal an exchange remarks that a very good drink is made by putting about two spoonsful of the meal into a tumbler of water. The western trappers and hunters consider it the best of drinks, and it is at once nourishing, unstimulating and satisfying.

"MY FATHER'S CUMMIN."—A young urchin was employed to sweep the chimney of a house in Macclesfield, and having ascended to the "summit of his profession," took a survey. This completed, he prepared to descend, but mistaking the flue, he found himself, on his landing, in the office of a limb of the law, whose meditations were put to flight. The sensation of both parties it is impossible to describe—the boy, terrified least he should be punished, stood riveted to the spot, and the lawyer struck dumb, started from his seat the very image of horror, but spoke not. Sooty, however, soon found a tongue, and in accents which only increased the terrors of the man of laws, cried out, "My father's cummin' directly." This was enough. The presence of such an equivocal being, so introduced, unnerved his heart; with one bound the affrighted lawyer flew down stairs, and sought refuge in the street from the enemy.

QUICK WIT.—A newly arrived emigrant, in New York, on soliciting work, stated that he wanted the money he hoped to earn to send home to Ireland, "where," he added, "I have a wife and seven children, and never saw one of them." This seemed such a bold and stupid lie, that the person to whom he was making application for work exclaimed angrily, "How dare you have a wife and seven children in Ireland without having seen one of them?" "Because, your honor, the one I never saw was born after I sailed for Amerikey." He got the situation.

☞A minister at a colored wedding, who wished to be humorous, said; On such occasions it is customary to kiss the bride, but in this case we will omit it." To which ungallant remark the bridegroom pertinently replied: "On such occasions it is customary to pay the minister $10, but in this case we will omit it."

☞In a storm at sea, the chaplain asked one of the crew, if he thought there was any danger. "O yes," replied the sailor; "if it blows as hard as it does now, we shall all be in heaven before twelve o'clock at night." The chaplain terrified at the expression, cried out, "*The Lord forbid.*"

☞"Sally," said a fellow to a girl who had red hair, "keep away from me, or you will set me on fire." "No danger of that," replied the girl, "you are too green to burn!"

☞"Your colors are beautiful," said a deeply rouged lady to a portrait painter. "Yes," answered he, "Your ladyship and I deal at the same shop."

A Grateful Parson.

One sleepy and hot Sunday afternoon
A charity sermon was preached;
And the earnest parson who craved the boon,
Thought the hearts of his hearers were reached.

Their hearts? Oh! yes, that was easy enough,
But their *pockets* were deeper down,
And hearts applauded while pockets said "Stuff"
To the man of surplice and gown.

At last the deacon passed round the hat,
And the minister threw back his head:
"Takes a wide-awake, magnetic sermon like that
To draw cash!" he complacently said.

The hat and the deacon went up and down
The aisles of the old church through;
But in spite of the eloquent man of the gown
The hat no heavier grew.

The worshipper shook his head with a frown,
And buttoned his pocket-book tight;
The "attraction of gravity" kept it down,
In spite of the "magnetic" light.

The parson turned his hat to and fro,
Then down in astonishment sat;
And the deacon heard him murmur low:—
"God be thanked! I've got back my *hat*!"

READY MONEY.

It is a good thing to have unlimited credit, but better still to have ready money on hand for emergencies that may arise.

The richest man on the globe, Baron Rothschild, learned this lesson one day when he chanced to ride in a public conveyance, and found that he had "not a red" in his pocket.

The driver was furious and demanded his pay. Rothschild told him his name, and gave him his card.

"I never heard of you and never want to again; but I want my pay and must have it," and he looked down threateningly. The money king was in haste. He had only an order for a million, and offered the driver a coupon for fifty thousand francs "to change." The driver stared; the passengers laughed, and just then an acquaintance came up, from whom he borrowed six sous, and paid the angry Jehu.

If it is inconvenient for even a Rothschild to be without money in his pocket, you may be sure it will be even more so for you. The world never respects a "state of impecuniosity." It is a most uncomfortable state to be in.

If you have an income of any sort, try not to spend every cent. Have a few dollars always about you for emergencies that will always be happening. If you gather it up as the children do their pennies, one at a time, keep your stock good. When you must break into your last five dollar bill, replace it as soon as you can. It adds to your comfort more than you ever guess, to feel that there is a snug little sum that you can draw from in case of very urgent need.

Philosophy, religion, or poetry to the contrary, there is no use in being penniless. By common prudence, most people of industrious habits can keep a little ahead for a rainy day.

TO YOUNG MEN.—I owe my success in life to one fact, namely: At the age of twenty I commenced [illegible] and have, for years, the practice of daily reading and speaking upon the contents of some historical or scientific book. These off-hand efforts were made sometimes in a cornfield, at others in the forest, and not unfrequently in some distant barn, with the horse and ox for my auditors. It is to this early practice in the great art of arts that I am indebted for the primary and leading impulse that stimulated me forward and shaped and moulded my entire subsequent destiny. Improve then, young gentlemen, the superior advantages you here enjoy. Let no day pass without exercising your power of speech. There is no power like oratory. Cæsar controlled men by exciting their fears, Cicero by captivating their affections, and swaying their passions. The influence of the one perished with the author; that of the other continues to this day.—*Henry Clay.*

READ AND HEED THIS.—Many people seem to forget that character grows; that it is not something to put on ready made with manhood or womanhood; but, day by day, here a little and there a little, grows with the growth, and strengthens with the strength, until, good or bad, it becomes always a coat of mail. Look at a man of business—prompt, reliable, conscientious, yet clear-headed and energetic. When do you suppose he developed all these admirable qualities? When he was a boy? Let us see the way in which a boy of ten years gets up in the morning, works, plays, studies, and we will tell you what kind of a man he will make. The boy that is late at breakfast and late at school stands a poor chance to be a prompt man. The boy who neglects his duties, be they ever so small, and then excuses himself by saying, "I forgot, I didn't think!" will never be a reliable man. And the boy finds who pleasure in the suffering of weaker things will never be a noble, generous, kindly man—a gentleman.

OUR GRANDFATHER'S NEWSPAPER.—No change in the matter of doing anything more strongly marks the peculiar genius of this time than the metamorphosis—scarcely an exaggeration to call it so—of newspapers. Looking at the old issues we see no head-lines! No jokes! No reports of amusements; much less criticisms; much less puffs; much less book notices; much less market reports; much less court decisions. O? easy-going, non-news-devouring, low pressure long ago! O! lolling, lazy, limp, luxurious, lounging ante-telegraphic days! How many exhausted editors and gorged readers sigh for your return, and long to exchange, at least for one short day, (say Monday,) the tame old bliss of ignorance for this overburdening load of universal intelligence. We are like bees, caught in the rain, overloaded with honey: and such honey!—*New Orleans Picayune.*

☞Franklin once said to a servant who was always late, but always ready with an excuse: "I generally found that the man who is good at an excuse is good for nothing else."

☞Prosperity is too apt to prevent us from examining our conduct; but as adversity leads us to think properly of our own state, it is most beneficial to us.—*Johnson.*

☞Those who are formed to win general admiration are seldom calculated to bestow individual happiness.—*Lady Blessington.*

☞Why is a mouse like a load of hay? Because the cat'll eat it.

MEN WHOM WOMEN LIKE BEST.

We know that men naturally shrink from the attempt to obtain companions who are their superiors; but they will find that really intelligent women, who possess the most desirable qualities, are uniformly modest, and hold their charms in modest estimation. What such women most admire is gallantry; not the gallantry of courts and fops, but boldness, courage, devotion, and refined civility. A man's bearing wins ten superior women where his boots and brains win one.

If a man stand before a woman with respect for himself and fearlessness for her, his suit is half won. The rest may be safely left to the parties most interested. Therefore, never be afraid of a woman. Women are the most harmless and agreeable creatures in the world to a man who shows that he has got a man's soul in him. If you have not the spirit to come up to the test like this you have not that in you which most pleases a high-souled woman, and you will be obliged to content yourself with the simple girl, who, in a quiet way, is endeavoring to attract and fasten you. But don't be in a hurry about the matter. It isn't creditable to you. Especially don't imagine that any disappointment in love which takes place before you are twenty-one years old will be of any material consequence to you. The truth is that before a man is twenty-five he does not know what he wants himself. So don't be a hurry. The more of a man you become, and the more manliness you become capable of exhibiting in your association with women, the better wife you will be able to obtain; and one year's possession of the heart and hand of a really noble specimen of her sex is worth nine hundred and ninety-nine years' possession of a sweet creature with two ideas in her head and nothing new to say about either of them. So do not be a hurry, we say again.

VON KEPPLEHOSEN MAKES HIS WILL.—Stumptown, Gull 27d, 1872—Mr. Editor:—Last veek I gone me out py annoder bic-nic excursion, and I drink me so mooch bretzels und ead so much lager, mid blendy green apples, dod ven I god home I had dot, vat you gall him? de bilens golick, und my wife she got scared und send for de doctor, und ven he gum he told me putty soon I vas gone died. So gwick, rite avay, I send me oud my darter for a lawyer feller 2 make up my vill oud, so dot I could leaf mi vife mi silfan und all de pad dets on de slate.

De lawyer feller comed, und I dold him dod I leaf eferything to mi vife, und a hundred tollars besides, so long as she remained single, but ouf she god married again she was to haf two huudred tollars. De lawyer laffed, und said dot vas a vunny vay do leaf exdra expenses ouf she god married, id vas sometimes modst always de oder vay. Vell, I dold him *I guess dot de feller vot got her vould vant all de tifference.* am now ad de pizness again, und hope od make blenty more expenses before I die.

Vry Dhruly, HANS VON KEPPLEHOSEN.

A GOOD STORY.—It is a pity to have one of Mr. Evart's good stories mangled by the reporters, as is the case in the reports of his anecdote about a donkey, told at a recent Harvard meeting. The story really was as follows:—A few summers since, Mr. Evarts, at the urgent request of one of his youngest daughters, sent up to his country place in Vermont a donkey for her use. She had read about donkeys, but was not familiar with their peculiar vocalism. The animal's strange noises inspired her with the profoundest pity for his evident distress. So she wrote to her father. "Dear papa—I do wish you would come up here soon, *my donkey is so lonesome.*" As Mr. Evarts renders this pathetic appeal, it is irresistible.—*New York Evening Mail.*

CHEEKY.—A soldier on picket reserve went to a farm house, as he said, to borrow a frying pan, but for what his comrades could not imagine, as they had nothing to fry. Preferring his request to the good dame who answered his knock at the door, the pan was duly transformed to him. He took it, looked in it, turned it over and looked on the bottom, and then turned it over again, and looked into it hard, as if not certain that it was clean. "Well, sir," said the lady, "can I do anything more for you?" "Could—could—could you lend me a piece of meat to fry in it, ma'am?" and he laughed in spite of himself. He got it.

A SHARP CUT.—North Adams has a tailor long known for his keen, pungent wit. Not long since a well known clergyman called at his shop with a pair of pantaloons, and asked him if they could be repaired. The knight of the shears unrolled them, held them up in a most artistic manner, carefully examined them, and replied, "Yes, yes; the *knees* are the best part of them." The reverend gentleman saw the joke smiled blandly and gracefully bowed himself out.

☞A little boy having been much praised for his quickness of reply, a gentleman present observed, that when children were keen in their youth, they were generally stupid and dull when they advanced in years, and *vice versa*. "What a *very sensible boy, sir,* must *you* have been!" returned the child.

☞Milton was asked by a friend, whether he would instruct his daughter in the different languages; to which he replied. "No sir, one tongue is enough for a woman."

☞An affectionate wife in Ohio has recovered a verdict of $7000 against a liquor dealer under the new law, "for the loss of her husband's society for three years."

☞Toil, feel, think, hope. A man is sure to dream enough before he dies without making arrangements for the purpose. —*Sterling.*

☞A gentleman maintained that poverty was a virtue. "That," said his friend, "is literally making a virtue of necessity."

☞"Out of place and nothing to take to," as the man said when he fell out of the balloon.

☞Friendship—The temporary cement that binds mutual interest.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1874

A BILL has been reported in the Legislature making five years residence in a town sufficient to gain a residence, and allowing overseers of the poor the right to aid temporarily any State poor and get remuneration from the State. Such a bill ought to pass.

THE U. S. House of Representatives has passed an act restoring the free exchange of newspapers and periodicals through the mails, and the free delivery of newspapers to subscribers in the county where the same are published, at which the Springfield Republican is somewhat distressed.

THE tax collector of Glastonbury is after Abby Smith again, but will not take her cows this time. He proposes to take real estate, advertise it, and sell it if the taxes are not forthcoming. Pity those Aldermeys are omitted. There's nothing like a cow to bring out the milk of human *kineness*.

COLD and raw has been the weather for a week past. Squalls of snow, scuds of rain, gales of wind and threatening clouds have been in general order. Sunday morning mercury went down to 12° above zero, and the ground was frozen hard. The weather is milder now, and it will not be long before Spring will show us its warm side, and give us a touch of coming summer.

WITHIN the past six months three ocean steamers belonging to the French line between Havre and this country have been lost—The Ville du Havre, the Europe and the Amerique, and all three vessels were recently cut in two and lengthened in their hulls. This lengthening reduced their strength in the middle and their loss is attributed to this fact. French steamers will not be popular the coming season.

THAT ten hour bill has got back from its committee, and is under debate. All sorts of queer provisions are tacked on to spoil it, and if it passes it will not be what the ten hour men want. It is rather discreditable to the good judgment of the Legislature to pass a bill through both branches, and then because a score or two of manufacturers pounce upon them to take it all back and substitute something that nobody has asked for and that nobody wants.

MR. RICHARDSON, at the head of the U. S. Treasury, is either a much-abused man or he is terribly stupid. At home he was called an astute lawyer, and a very honest and honorable man, and he had a term of schooling under Mr. Boutwell before stepping into his shoes. He ought to manage the treasury department well, but those who ought to know say he does not, and collecting the revenue are not to his credit. Yet we are disposed to consider Mr. Richardson with some charity, for it is pretty safe to stand up for a man when everybody gets to abusing him.

INFLATION of the currency has at last been accomplished, so far as the two branches of Congress are concerned, and the bill only needs the President's signature to become a law. The bill provides for the increase of legal tender notes to the amount of $400,000,000, and an increase of national bank notes to the same amount. It also provides that banks shall keep three-fourths of their reserve in their own vaults. Another bill has also passed the House, but will probably get no farther, which relieves the banks from keeping any reserve in their vaults against their circulation, but requires them to keep five per cent. in the treasury. The action of the President on the first bill is awaited with great interest.

ANOTHER of those fearful warnings against carrying pistols, and especially in pointing fire-arms of any kind at a person, comes in the sad accident which occurred at the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham a few days ago. What need had young Linnell of a pistol at the academy? It is not a shooting gallery, nor a resort for thieves and robbers. His life would not be in danger there, but with a foolishness which most young men seem to take pride in, he carried a pistol, and displayed it with reprehensible carelessness before it exploded. There have persons enough been killed by snapping pistols and guns not supposed to be loaded to warn everybody against repeating the experiment. Yet every few months we read of somebody's being killed in the same way. There are laws against carrying concealed weapons, and penalties prescribed for those who aim fire-arms at any person, but these laws are utterly disregarded, and the consequences are seen in such cases as this in Wilbraham.

EXPLOSION.—A terrible coal mine explosion occurred at Dunkinfield, Lancashire, Eng., on Wednesday, caused by the use of naked lamps in the mine. A large number of miners were killed or injured. Over 40 bodies have been recovered, and it is thought there are still others hurled in the debris.

☞Charles Cowley, the Labor Reform candidate for Attorney General, is in trouble. A young woman charges him with forgery and other misdemeanors. The charges are to be investigated.

☞A White Mountain stage was capsized Monday morning by the breaking of an axle. The stage contained six passengers, one of whom, an elderly lady, was severely bruised about the head and back, but the others escaped with slight injuries.

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

The Hoar faction in the Legislature on the first of the week proposed to the Dawes men a conference, at which both Hoar and Dawes should be dropped and a new candidate fixed upon. This proposition, coming from a minority of the Republican party in the Legislature, was certainly a very cool thing. The Dawes men could not accept it, but were ready to meet in caucus and abide by the decision. Of course the Hoar party would not accept this proposal, because it would result in favor of Dawes, and so the matter rests. It would seem that if either wing should yield it should be the one in the minority, and not that one in the majority. Party custom, policy and justice demand it, and if the Hoar party are determined not to give way to the majority the consequences will rest upon them. Finding it impossible to elect their candidate it will be wisdom and policy for the Dawes men to lead off on a third candidate. They can do this without compromising themselves, and the Hoar faction could not well make a stand against it. If neither wing is disposed to do anything for union and harmony then Messrs. Dawes and Hoar owe it to themselves and their constituents to suggest to the two factions a way out of the difficulty which will be acceptable to themselves and honorable to the Republican members of the Legislature.

A NEW TURN OF AFFAIRS.

The correspondence between the Dawes and Hoar men has worked a wonderful change. The Dawes men told the Hoar party that if they were in the majority they (the Dawes men) would support their candidate. Taking advantage of this the Curtis and Adams men went over to the Hoar party on Thursday enough to bring him up to within four of Mr. Dawes, and on Friday just enough to give Hoar one majority. The vote on Thursday was Dawes 92, Hoar 88, Curtis 72. There was canvassing again Thursday night, but it amounted to nothing.

The vote on Friday, was another surprise to the Dawes men. The ballot stood Hoar 93, Dawes 92, Curtis 67, Adams 4, Banks 7, Washburn 1, Whittier 1.

By Telegraph to the Journal.

Gov. Washburn Elected Senator.

BOSTON, April 17, 4½ P. M.

Gov. Washburn was unexpectedly elected Senator this afternoon, receiving 149 votes. There is great rejoicing that the contest is ended.

This will make Lieut. Gov. Talbot Governor if Mr. Washburn accepts, and there is no doubt that he will.

ANOTHER FRENCH STEAMER LOST.—The ocean steamer Amerique, which left New York on the 4th inst., for Havre, crossed the ocean in safety, but encountered a terrible hurricane between Brest and Havre, about 20 miles out, off the coast of Brittany, and sank to the bottom. Fortunately there the passengers and crew in safety, except the second officer, who was drowned. The Amerique was called the sister ship of the ill-fated Ville du Havre, which was sunk by the Loch Earn. She was making her second outward trip when the disaster overtook her.

☞W. R. Abbott, a prominent lawyer of Louisville, Ky., and John R. Green, a prominent banker, met near the entrance of the Court House, when some words passed and the lie was given. Abbott then struck Green with a cane, when the latter drew a pistol and fired three times, the shots taking effect in Abbott's right side, in the centre of the breast and through the shoulder. Green was arrested and is in jail. Abbott is in a very critical condition.

☞In a Missouri city Tuesday, Capt. W. D. Foote met H. T. Brooks, an editor, on the street, and denounced him as a contemptible scalawag, etc. Brooks did not resent the epithets, but Wednesday sent a challenge to Foote, to which the latter replied, demanding that Brooks should furnish a certificate from respectable persons as to his claims to the character of a gentleman.

☞In the Science of Health for May we find many articles of interest, among which are:—Tobacco, as a cause of disease; Human Physiology, with illustrations; Disease and its Treatment, Care of Babies, Spring Maladies, Receipts, etc., and it is published at the low price of $2.00 a year. Single numbers, 20 cents. On trial, three months, 25 cents. Address S. R. Wells, Publisher, 389 Broadway, New York.

☞The Atlantic telegraph cable of 1866 was broken this week during a terrible hurricane off the south-west coast of Ireland. With two other cables, however, communication with the old world is still unbroken, and it is thought the break can soon be found and repaired.

☞At Harrisburg, Pa., in accordance with the request of the lady crusaders, Mayor Boas has closed cigars stores and other business places not authorized by law to be kept open on Sunday. Temperance meetings are held every day or evening.

☞The investigation into the affairs of the District of Columbia reveals some queer facts. For instance, a Mr. McLellan testified that he paid $97,000 to a Chicago man to secure a contract in Washington for laying wooden pavements in the latter city.

☞Mrs. Livermore lectured to a very large audience at Tremont Temple Sunday evening on the temperance question. Previous to her lecture 178 persons signed the pledge.

☞Christian Meyer, a convicted Tompkin's square (New York) rioter has been sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

LOCAL NOTICES.

C. E. Maxfield's special sale of furniture preparatory to his removal from Hampden Hall, affords buyers the best opportunity offered them for many years. See advertisement.

Gill & Hayes of Springfield are constantly adding new goods to their already large stock, and have some elegant goods on exhibition. It would pay our readers to examine them.

....Rev. E. A. Goddard will preach at the Baptist church to-morrow.

....Wood & Allen have received a large lot of new and fresh sheet music.

....The Good Templars are preparing for their anniversary May 7th.

....There will be Universalist preaching in Green's Hall, Monson, on Sunday, 26th inst.

....One of the rescued passengers of the steamer Europe, recently lost at sea, was in town Tuesday.

....Rev. W. K. Pierce has accepted the call of the Brimfield church and will be installed Thursday, April 30.

....R. C. Naramore, the Wilbraham student, who was accidently shot last week Friday, died Wednesday night.

....We shall publish on our first page next week by special request, the Fast Day Sermon of Rev. Mr. Fullerton, on Temperance.

... Two fine new cars from the shop of Osgood Bradley of Worcester passed through on Tuesday. They were built for the Michigan Lake Shore R. R.

....A council of the Sovereigns of Industry has been organized at North Brookfield, with Daniel Wheeler as master and Robert W. Walker, secretary.

....Plants and flowers render the Post Office drug store more attractive, and Mr. Jenks is prepared to fill orders for any such, at reasonable notice and fair prices.

....Three hundred and twenty dollars have been subscribed toward the fund for the new reading room, and only 18 shares more at $10 each remain to be taken.

....A man who got hold of a hitching-post the other evening, pleading with it to go home, declaring it to be drunk, is recommended to the tender mercies of the Reform Club.

....A fourth school will be established in this village as soon as the room can be furnished, the committee taking the room now occupied by the Good Templars for that purpose.

....An overturned freight car under the Main Street bridge, Monday evening, blocked up one of the main tracks so as to necessitate the aid of a wrecking train to clear the way.

....Rev. Mr. Fullerton's sermon last Sabbath morning was on the subject of "The Church vs. Secret Societies." The Sunday School Concert in the afternoon was interesting as usual.

....J. N. Colon of Boston delivered an excellent temperance lecture Monday evening before the Temperance Reform Club, and made many strong points. The music by the quartette was also good.

....The new military drama entitled "The Color Guard" will be presented in Springfield during next week by the Wilcox encampment. See their advertisement in another column for particulars.

....Willie, a 12 year old son of Sewall Hamliton, of this village, had a fall of some ten feet, Tuesday afternoon, while playing with some other boys in a barn. He was able to be out again however on Thursday.

....J. W. Weeks of the Antique House has purchased the fine life-size portrait of the late Maj. Morgan, painted by our young Palmer artist, W. E. Miller, and it now adorns the wall of one of his parlors. It is a good likeness and copies can be had of Mr. Miller at any time.

....The Hampden Conference of Congregational churches will hold its next semi-annual meeting at Agawam, April 22d. The discussion will be upon the questions:—"What are the duties of a local church to itself?" and "What are the duties of a local church to the world?"

....Frank Brown of Monson for breaking windows in Green's Hall was committed to the House of Correction for 30 days. ——Mitchell Bishop, a juvenile offender, paid a fine of $12.65 for an assault on another juvenile at Three Rivers.——Aken Bondville of the same place also paid a fine of $12 for a similar assault.

....The quarterly convention of the Hampden and Hampshire Good Templar's Union at Holyoke Tuesday voted to hold their next meeting at Palmer on the 14th of July. It is proposed to make it a "grove meeting" with refreshments after the manner of basket picnics. The Union now embraces 14 lodges, with a membership of over 1450, and efforts are being made to organize new lodges wherever practicable.

....The Young People's Literary Club propose having a series of occasional social gatherings at their rooms during the summer. The first one will be held Friday, May 1st. Social games, such as chess, checkers, authors, etc., will then be in order. The club gave their second public exhibition at the Cong. vestry Friday evening, presenting the drama "Down by the Sea," accompanied by singing, recitations and tableaux.

WALES.

The Monson Harmony Society will give an Old Folks' Concert in Wales next week Friday evening, in the new church.

ENFIELD.

Capt. W. B. Kimball of Enfield, intends to get up a herd of choice stock, and has recently purchased of G. Prouty of Littleton, the Ayshire bull, "Dan Godfrey," 15 months old, that promises to be an extra fine animal. It is from the celebrated Peters herd.

THORNDIKE.

A maple sugar tea-party is proposed by the ladies of Cong. society, at Thorndike on Tuesday afternoon and evening, April, 21st, at the vestry of the church. Hot sugar and tea will be furnished from 5 in the afternoon till 9 in the evening. Tickets for admission and supper 35 cents.

BELCHERTOWN.

A second temperance address will be given by Dr. Charles Jewett next Monday evening.——The spring and summer terms of the public schools commence on Monday, 20th inst.——E. J. Griggs post of the G. A. R., will observe Memorial Day this year, and have engaged Col. W. S. B. Hopkins as orator, and the Wales Cornet Band as musicians for the occasion.——The 56th anniversary of the Congregational Sabbath School was well attended last Sunday. The membership of the school was reported as 352, with an average attendance of 136. No members of the school have died during the year.

HARDWICK.

The following officers were elected, and appropriations made at the annual town meeting:—Overseer of the poor, Orrin Trow; school committee, William H. Tucker, L. Dwight Trow, William A. Warner; tax collector, Albert E. Knight; highway surveyors, Phineas Beaman, Harvey Barnes, H. G. O. Munroe, William Hamilton, Geo. Warner, William S. Barnes, R. S. Ruggles. Appropriations—schools, $3000; support of paupers 1500; contingencies, 2500; town debt and interest 6000; highways, 2500——Rev. E. A. Merritt has sold his Williamsburg farm to E. A. Potter of that place.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Eleven persons were united with the Congregational church at the communion service last Sunday, many of them subjects of the recent revival in the Methodist church.——A mass meeting at South Wilbraham last week resulted in the calling of a special town meeting for this evening, to reconsider, if possible, the vote passed at the annual town meeting to hold all future town meetings at the north parish.——The "old yellow store" at the village has been sold to Asa Howlett of Stafford, Conn., for $1500.——Mr. John P. Cady has rented the Congregational parsonage for the ensuing year.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The Methodist Conference at Charlestown closed its seven days session on Tuesday, and made the following appointments (among others) for 1874:—

Worcester district.—N. Fellows presiding elder.—Brookfield, D. Walt; West Brookfield, J. F. Bassett, late of Wales, North Brookfield, R. W. Harlow; Warren, W. R. Tisdale; Monson, W. Silverthorn; Wales, T. B. Treadwell; Ware, E. A. Howard; Hardwick, unsupplied; Barre, J. F. Mowry; Hubbardston, O. W. Adams, formerly of Palmer.

Springfield district.—George Whittaker, presiding elder.—Springfield, F. K. Stratton, R. R. Meredith, M. Hulburd, J. A. Cass; East Longmeadow, N. F. Stevens; Wilbraham and Glendale, T. W. Bishop; South Wilbraham, G. Hewes; Ludlow, A. Noon; Palmer, W. Gordon; Belchertown, S. O. Dyer; Bondville and South Belchertown, G. E. Chapman; Pelham, N. A Soule; Enfield, W. Wignall; North Amherst, to be supplied; Westfield, J. H. Twombly; West Parish, C. H. Viuton; Russell, D. D. Cheney.

A RUM-SELLER'S END.—Last week we briefly noticed the death of a Mr. Simpson at East Douglas, a keeper of a [illegible] who fell down in a swoon when visited by a praying band. Mrs. Luther Hills, one of the band, writes the particulars as follows:—

"We went into Mr. Simpson's saloon. I shook hands with him, and introduced the ladies, and spoke of our coming in love and kindness to talk with him about his business. After some conversation he was asked if he would not refrain from selling liquor; he said, 'I cannot promise to;' then being asked if he thought it right, he replied, 'just as right as to sell groceries.' I then said, 'let us see what the word of the Lord says;' opening to 1st Cor. 6:10, I read. 'Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor, drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.' He replied, 'I knew it before, but that does not include me.' The reply was we did not expect to bring anything new, only to call to remembrance. You said it was right to sell, but this shuts all who use it out of the kingdom of heaven, and you don't want to be shut out Mr. S. Then turning to Heb. 2:15; Woe to him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken also. Then to Deut. 29:19; I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst; the Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smite against that man and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven.

On looking up his eyes were riveted on mine, and he was very much agitated, trembling exceedingly. No further words were given us to say; we were all spellbound for what seemed a long time. At length one of the ladies said to his partner, 'I think something is the matter with him.' No movement was made until urged the second time. He was then removed from the counter by which he was supsupporting himself, when his tongue seemed to be loosed and he cried out twice, 'O God, have mercy on my soul.'

He was then taken to a back room; we were about to retire when another cry for mercy arrested our attention, those who were with him begging us to stay and talk with him, both saying it was the Holy Spirit. 'I said it was the work of the Lord, 'sharper than any two-edged sword.' His mind was clear, but he could not talk. He was soon taken home, and died about eleven hours after."

WARE AND VICINITY.

....The Grattan Debating Society enjoyed a social dance at Music Hall on Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Ware Quadrille Band.

....A case of small pox was reported in town a few day since, but the patient, a young lady from Belchertown, was at once removed to her home by physician's order.

....A special town meeting will be held at Music Hall next Monday afternoon, to see if the town will accept a road recently laid out by the selectmen in the south-west part of the town.

....A youth named Charles Goddard, and employed in one of the Otis Company's Mills, was badly crushed in the machinery while at work on Friday of last week, but is now slowly recovering from his injuries.

....Rev. E. A. Howard, recently of Whitinsville, has been appointed pastor of the M. E. church. Rev. W. M. Ayers goes from here to Winchendon, as did also his predecessor, Rev. G. F. Eaton, three years ago.

....Some forty persons assembled at the Grattan Debating Rooms Thursday evening, in answer to a call to see about forming a Catholic Temperance Society. About thirty signified their intention of belonging, and will meet at the vestry of the Catholic church next Monday evening to organize.

....The Grattan Debating Society elected the following officers Tuesday evening:—President, James E. Clark; Vice President, E. P. Mooney; Secretary, T. F. Lynes; Corresponding Secretary, James Nolan; Treasurer, John T. Dowd; Directors, P. C. Foley, P. J. Mooney, John McMahon, W. Addington. Edward Meagher. The Society are considering the question of giving a dramatic exhibition before long.

....A barn belonging to the homestead of Samuel G. Hutchinson in the west part of this town was destroyed by fire, Monday night, together with its contents, consisting of two horses, two yoke of oxen, three cows, farming tools &c. Loss on the barn $400, insured for $200 in the Hampshire Mutual. Loss on the other property $1000, and no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of a "tramp" or an incendiary.

....The Temperance Reform Club held its regular weekly meeting on Monday evening at the Unitarian vestry. Silas A. Spooner was elected secretary in place of John W. Clark, resigned. Most of the Catholic members through the influence of Rev. Wiliam Moran, have been led to withdraw from the Club, and will join a temperance society organized under Catholic auspices. Messrs. Lewis Gallagher and Marland made brief addresses during the evening, and Master George H. Winslow delivered some short recitations.

....While Charles Phipps' horse was standing on Main street, Monday, (the bridle having been removed for repairs, and the animal hitched by a neck-strap) he became suddenly frightened, broke loose, ran through Main and down West streets, overturning the buggy to its general demoralization, and returned home through Main street again, at a fearful pace, dragging a remnant of the vehicle with him. The horse sustained slight injuries, but fortunately no *person* was hurt. It is not safe to leave a horse attached to a carriage or other vehicle, after the bridle has been removed, as sad experience has taught many.

....Rev. E. W. Merritt of Hardwick preached at East Cong. church last Sabbath in exchange with the pastor. An interesting Sunday school concert was held at the Chapel in the evening, it being the last one to be conducted by Mr. P. H. Sagendorph, the present superintendent, who retires from office at the close of this month. Scripture recitations were given on the following subject. "Prophecies concerning Christ, and their fulfillment."——No services were held at the Unitarian church last Sabbath.——Thomas Kennedy preached at the M. E. church as previously announced.——Services were conducted by the Mission Band as usual at the school-house in Dist. No. 9, Hardwick, in the evening. A large number were in attendance, and the exercies of unusual interest. Several persons rose for prayers at the close of meeting.

....The Springfield Union has the following, which has a local interest and is well worth the reading;

The utter perversity of setting hens is proverbial, but a young man at Ware recently got the better of one of them in this way: One of his hens wanted to set; so procuring precisely 13 eggs, he proceeded to "set" her. Everything so far was unexceptionable, but, lo, another hen took into her head to set in that self same box. This would never do; and the young man, thinking to serve the double purpose of preserving hen No. 1 from intrusion and making her attend strictly to business, placed a board on the top of the box and a heavy stone on the board. He succeeded admirably. The intruding hen couldn't get out: and the only draw back to the entire success of the scheme was that the boxed up, hen, when, a few days after, he raised the lid, was found to be dead.

☞Two daughters of Mrs. Christopher Doolan of Birmingham, aged respectfully four and six years, were left locked in a chamber of their house during Mrs. Doolan's absence on Friday, and, the building taking fire, they were smothered to death, while an infant lying in a cradle was nearly dead when found.

☞Several citizens of Chicago have applied to the Secretary of State of Illinois for a certificate of organization for "The National Christian Association," the object of which, as stated in the application, "is to expose, withstand and remove secret societies—Freemasonry in particular."

☞A couple of roughs in Hartford, Conn., attempted to murder a policeman Sunday morning early, by throwing him over a bridge; the officer, however, shot one of the roughs dead and severely wounded the other.

☞The North Brookfield Congregational society, Monday evening, voted to appropriate $300 for singing, decided to repair their church, and appointed a committee to see if preaching could be supported with free seats.

☞Gen. Banks' son Joseph was assaulted and left senseless on a Boston street by some roughs the other night for trying to help some girls they were insulting.

☞A colored man in Augusta, Georgia, recently made two attempts to commit suicide, and was fined $10 for it.

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Mrs. Scott Siddons—A bit of History—New Sensations—Powers' Paper Company and its Palace—The Fashions, &c.

SPRINGFIELD, April 16th, 1874.

Mr. Editor:—An evening recently with Mrs. Scott Siddons reminds me of something concerning her rendering of her Lady Macbeth. In the sleep-walking scene she wears a plain band of gold without any chasing, that belonged to her great-grandmother, Sarah Siddons. This gold crown was presented the once famous woman by the Queen, and she prized it so that it always made a portion of her toilet when she personated that character. With some of the genius descended to her beautiful and graceful relative, there has fallen this crown, and Mrs. Scott Siddons considers it a talisman, and when it encircles her head she can more fitly render the scene that shaped her own destiny. She was born in India, and never saw a play of Shakspeare upon the stage until after she was married. She chose Lady Macbeth in which to make her debut, and instead came out as "Portia." Her great-grandmother did the same, passing through kindred experiences.

Among the sensations of the past week were the millinery openings and the evening dedication of one of our handsomest business blocks, built by the Wason Manufacturing Co. and leased by the Powers Paper Company. On Thursday evening this handsome, capacious and ornamental building was thrown open to the public and visited by a large delegation of our citizens. Brilliantly illuminated, the appointments new, nice and in the best of taste, the goods fast fitting into their appropriate places, the whole but a brief page in the history of the rapid and successful rise of a former newsboy upon the B. & A. Railroad, it was no marvel that we heard admiring words concerning the energy, spirit and pluck of the owner of the establishment, and the taste and good judgment displayed in all the arrangements. The office is particularly the pride of the occupant. Handsomely finished in solid woods, with the colors in the carpet, the elegant chandelier, the substantial chairs, and the pretty table and writing desk, all but form a harmonious and tasteful whole. It certainly is deserving of compliments. In the basket of ivy, with the bird cage half in its leafy shadow, the bracket with a Rogers' group, and the fine pictures, we read a bit of the aesthetic side of Mr. Powers' character. Oliver Optic might have taken him for the subject of one of his most interesting works, showing well the charm that lies in a successful business life.

When the south wind begins to blow, and the arbutus fringes the sunny places, wherein we search for a breath of their delicate perfume, a maiden's thoughts turn lightly to the fleeting vanities that come to supplant the heavy wraps of a long, flowerless season. Never were lovelier things seen in our store windows than those we looked at on last Wednesday and Thursday. Here and there, in and out of dry goods, fancy and millinery stores, till our feet grew weary with walking, and our eyes with viewing the dainty, charming details that go to make up the taking spring costume of a well-dressed woman. The day was simply perfect, and the blessed sunshine perhaps brought out nearly as many as the "opening invitations." Tinkham's was a Babel of sounds and a rush that simply made you wish that you had been wiser and waited till the "show" was over. Here we caught a glimpse of some handsome black silks for $2 and $3 per yard; beautiful table linen and napkins; colored damask tea cloths in delicate shades of buff, pink and brown; cambrics neat enough for a princess; dainty ties in lace and crepe and ribbon; bows for the hair; long lace scarfs to be worn about the neck and fastened across the front by a long jet or steel ornament, or a simple spray of flowers; handsome polonaises of Batiste, trimmed with yak linen lace, to be worn over black skirts. There was a pretty suit of mohair taffuln, a new goods, the overskirt consisting of two whole breadths, fastened in the back by a prettily draped sash; another buttoning up on one side. Handsomely embroidered linen suits lay temptingly before us, just the thing for the hot, dusty days when we go journeying, or shopping of a morning. Black cashmere shawls, beautifully embroidered with hand work. The bonnets were, perhaps, a trifle larger, and some of the shapes quite pretty. Soft crowns were numerous, and the fancifully trimmed Charlotte Corday's were many. The Normandy was a favorite shape at Mrs. Tyrell-Burdette's, the effect picturesque and attractive, the colors lovely, and the trimming fanciful and dainty. The flowers are so dear and very near to nature—long, trailing vines, blushing roses and half-waking buds, purple pansies, delicate harebells, "lilies of the valley," and a host of favorites lay nestling in a bower of loveliness. At Wilcox's the hats were for more quiet tastes, but stylish and nice. The displays everywhere were handsome.

Ornaments are in steel and jet, and are quite handsome. Overskirts are not as needful, and fashion is optional. The *pouf* in a measure has superceded, and a great variety of trimmings with bands of jet or steel, and aprons which form a continuation of the drapery with the sash or bodice are more recent.

Sleeves are puffed or slashed in medieval style; skirts must "cling" about the person, and the polonaise is still a fashionable garment.

PRUE.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.—At Providence on Sunday Bishop Henderson publicly announced that Catholics cannot without violating the rules of the church, belong to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, on account of its secret character. The announcement caused great excitement, as the Order is very numerous in Rhode Island.

☞Mr. Jefferson Davis has arrived in Paris and is visiting Colonel Dudley A. Mann, 51 Rue du Luxembourg. Mr. Davis, who has gone to Europe for his health, will remain on the continent for some time.

☞It would be difficult to select a better orator to deliver eulogy on Charles Sumner before the Legislature than George William Curtis, and we are glad to see that he has been invited to fill the place.

☞It will be observed that the sudden deaths which are of almost daily occurrence, of persons who were in good health, are nearly all from the males. How would medical men account for this?

☞Florida proposes to try her hand at ostrich raising.

☞St. Louis put $175,000 in the Louisville lottery, but it didn't draw worth a cent.

☞An extravagant fellow at Utica used a postage stamp a second time at an expense of $511.

☞One man in Maine has bought 1,800,000 eggs in the last year. What an extraornary custard pie they would all make.

☞Prize fights and dog fights are apparently getting to be regular Sunday amusements in the outskirts of New York.

☞A boy 15 years old recently eloped from Dayton, Nevada, with a married woman 50 years of age. He wanted a mother badly.

☞The first baby born in the new town of Rockland belonged to Mrs. Hunt, and friends and neighbors celebrated the event by an oyster supper.

☞The religious sentiment is so active in New London, Conn., that a grand ball, for which extensive arrangements had been made, has been given up.

☞An accident to the machinery of the Fall River iron works, Saturday, will cause a temporary suspension of work; 200 men are thrown out of employment.

☞A lucky man in Columbia, Ind., has just received a dividend of $4000 on an investment made years ago in a Pennsylvania oil-well and given up as dead.

☞Icelanders are beginning to emigrate to this country, and are described as a bright, cleanly, healthy looking class of people, closely resembling the Scotch.

☞A fine avenue in Palermo, Sicily, is called Via Lincoln, the muncipality having changed the name from that of a popular saint to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

☞A pick-pocket departed through the roof of the Michigan State Prison the other night, but the authorities know where they can find some more and only offer $100 for his recapture.

☞Many of the towns are creating a sinking fund to meet the payment of their debt. The time is coming when a town without a sinking fund will find it difficult to negotiate a loan.

☞John McLaughlin of Scarboro, Me., aged twenty years, committed suicide on Sunday, by lying down at the edge of the pond and holding his head under the water. He has lately exhibited signs of derangement.

☞A. T. Stewart has fixed the price for board at his Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga, at three dollars a day for the coming season. Of course the landlords of the other hotels will be compelled to adopt the same tariff.

☞Senator Sumner's pictures at his house in Washington have been catalogued. There are ninety oil paintings, valued at $25,000, and more than 3000 engravings, photographs, etchings, etc., worth almost as much more.

☞The influence of the religious revival at New London is generally felt. Business was, to a great extent, paralyzed, and the attendance at the evening prayer-meetings and at the sermons, which are given three times a day, is very large.

☞A serious accident occurred at the town of Hamilton, near the city of Glasgow, last week. A steam boiler burst and a large portion of the same fell upon a school-house, crashing through the roof and killing three children and injuring a large number.

☞A movement is on foot for the formation of a new town comprising the villages that lie along the line of the Ware River Railroad, from Barre Plains to Coldbrook, inclusive, partly in Barre and partly in Oakham, but it is not probable that the project will succeed.

☞Barney McIntyre of Ballardvale drew $400 from the Andover Savings Bank, on an order to which he had forged his mother's signature, and immediately left town. He was arrested at Andover, with his mother's bank book and $382 in money on his person, and taken to Andover.

☞Bender, the head of the family of blood-thirsty murderers, whose crimes have caused a shudder throughout the country, was arrested at Salt Lake, last week. It is supposed that the family has been living in the mountains during the winter, being reduced by starvation, ventured down into the settlements, and several of them have been captured.

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Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Luke Chapman of Collinsville, in the State of Connecticut, and Dwight M. Chapman of Palmer, in the county of Hampden: You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.

And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this eighth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.
3w6* SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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The Old Fogy Man.

He was a queer old-fogy man,
And loved old-fogy ways;
And railed against the reckless speed
Of these fast modern days.
He once could travel leisurely,
And stop his friends to hail;
But now they rushed him through by steam,
And rode him on a rail.

That good old coach was fast enough
For prudent folk to go;
Impatient men now laugh at it,
And say 'twas rather slow;
And so they rush upon the train,
And speed like thought away,
Until a smash up breaks their bones;
He thinks it doesn't pay.

He loved old housewives' spluning wheels,
The music of their hum
Was far more dear to his old ear
Than grand piano thrum.
But ah! he sighs, those wheels are gone
Since Whitney made his gin;
No more we hear their thrifty hum—
No more the sisters spin!

The rosy girls of olden time,
Sunburnt, were firmer made
Than these, the late and tender shoots
That grow up in the shade;
They did their mother's heavy work,
And eased their weary hands;
And sometimes, too, if brothers failed,
Could help to do a man's.

Their dresses, made with easy fit,
Gave not a pain beneath;
Their hearts had ample room to beat,
Their lungs had room to breathe—
Unlike our preseut girls, with waists
Too much compressed and slight,
Who, if they do not dissipate,
Are very often *tight*.

They let not fashion dwarf their forms,
But grew to comely size,
And health shone ever on their brows,
And sparkled from their eyes;
They thanked kind heaven for all its gifts,
And thought, with secret pride,
That they were beautiful enough,
And they were satisfied.

But now, our modern girls, alas!
Think Providence unkind,
For putting too much in the midst,
And not enough behind;
And so they hustle round, and lace,
To mend such cinmsy ways,
And think that they outshine the girls
Of good old-fogy days.

He wished, he said, for their sweet sakes
That Fashion's tortnring vice
Would ease them up a little, and
Less pinching would suffice;
That they may feel the bounding health,
Around the heart that plays,
When all unfettered as it was
In good old-fogy days.

THE DISCOMFITED PEDDLER.

James Wilson was discovered by his wife secretly coaxing away the family dog—a huge, yellow animal—when she called after him, like an accusing angel:—

"Now, James, you are taking off my dog! And why do you want this dog? What, indeed! Aren't you ashamed of yourself to expect me to stay all by myself so far from any house?" said his wife.

"Why not? Nothing would hurt you. To my certain knowledge, you and that dog have been waiting for an adventure these six months, and none has happened."

Pretty Mrs. Wilson regarded her husband in silent indignation, growing more enchanting each minute.

"The dog is of use to me," said James, "and I want you to be brave enough to stay alone."

"Wait till I get my hat!" cried Mrs. Wilson.

"Yes; but where are you going?"

"With you. I can't stay alone."

"But, my dear woman, how is my dinner to be got?"

"I'm sure I don't know," said his sponse, tying a neat bow under a dimpled chin.

James burst into a loud laugh.

"Then keep your dog. You always get your way by fair means or foul. Now do not forget to have an adventure ready for me when I return at noon, for I am in a great strait to hear one."

During the first hour the dog proved neither useful nor ornamental. The great yellow fellow danced aronnd her, tugged at her apron strings, seized her broom, confiscated her shoes, and made havoc in the household generally.

At last, driven to the depths of strategy, she executed a flank movement upon her tormentor, by dexterously beguiling him into a closet. She shut him in, that she might be able to sweep in peace.

Here Towser, after giving vent to his appreciation of the meanness of the trick by a few dismal howls, laid down, apparently, to comfort himself with sleep.

The young woman went heartily to work, making rapid strides across the room, till a shadow fell through the doorway. Looking up, she beheld a tall, lank, blue-coated, brass-buttoned individual, with a pack upon his back, and a tin trunk on either side, dangling from a yoke which he carried on his neck.

"Any goods to-day, ma'am?"

Receiving the customary "No," as if he had heard a challenge to trade, he quickly set down his trunks, whipped off his pack, opened store, set out his goods, rubbed his hands, doffed a huge white hat, drew forth a red and white silk handkerchief, placed himself upon a chair, and proceeded carefully to wipe the sweat from his honest brow.

"Perhaps you don't use needles and thread, and pins, nor soap, nor brushes, etc., exhausting his stock by a slow, verbal inventory, meanwhile eyeing his hoped-for customer vainly, to discover some signs of relenting.

Recoiling at last from the steady rain of negatives, his genius seemed to take a new departure.

"Maybe are there others in the house who would buy?"

"There is nobody in the house but myself and—" she said, checking herself at the right moment.

"And who?"

"No person."

"Now look at this jewelry. How becoming this would be to your charming person. Are you married?"

At this impertinent question our young woman indignantly resumed her sweeping, driving the dust towards her persecutor, who was fast falling out of the character of salesman, to enact the gay Lothario—restraining, however, her vexation to reply that she wanted none of his jewelry—that she had no money to buy, and that as to her being married it could make no difference to him.

"Pretty one, you shall have this jewelry for one kiss," said the peddler, rising and extending his arms as if to embrace her and consummate the bargain on the spot.

She now reached the door of the closet, and as she lifted the latch a yellow monster with blazing eyes launched himself into the room with angry growls. At this horrible apparation the peddler turned to fly, making his swallow-tail fairly stand out like streamers in the wind. Attack being thus invited, Towser leaped upon the back of the retreating foe, making good his hold upon the offending coat-tails, at the point of intersection with the waist. With a howl of dismay, the peddler rushed from the door, with frantic haste, leaving, in his agony of terror, his pack behind him. With hair streaming in the wind, and the dog hanging upon his rear, he took to the road in a desperate effort to outrun his fate, at the same time uttering, in no dulcet tones, his provincial expletives:—

"Oh, Jewhittaker! Murder! Git out! I want to go home!"

Our young heroine watched the fight down the road till the amazing pair—dog and man—apparently inseparably united, had disappeared from sight.

At noon, when her husband returned for his dinner, the events of the morning were related, and both laughed till the tears ran down their faces, which was by no means allayed when Towser returned from his mission, bearing as trophies in his mouth the blue coat-tails, which he laid, with wagging body and hilarious eyes, at the feet of his mistres.

The afternoon passed with no tidings from the peddler; but in the evening a hatless, disheveled stranger was seen reconnoitering the premises from a distant fence. Walking along the top of the fence, he at last came near enough for a parley. He inquired of Mr. Wilson if he could be permitted to come to his yard to receive a pack he had left there that morning, adding that he was afraid of the dog—that his nether garments were badly torn—that his pack contained his only resources—that it was the only port into which he could put for repairs, and concluded by begging that his goods might be brought to him. This Mr. Wilson denied him, insisting that he must take away his own property. Mrs. Wilson prudently retired. The crest-fallen peddler, trembling lest some great evil should befall him, thankfully received his hat, his precious coat-tails, his baggage generally, then withdrew to a far-off, solitary, haystack, to sorrowfully repair with needle and thread the damages done to his outer man, and to reflect upon his luckless attempt to kiss a pretty woman who kept a dog. Hereafter, every rosy face and laughing black eye should warn him, before becoming gallant, to beware of—Towser.

EATING WHEN SICK.—It is the custom among a certain class of people, when a member of the family falls sick, to begin at once to ask, "Now what can you eat?" Every one has heard the old story of the man who always ate eighteen apples dumplings when he was sick. On one occasion when he was engaged upon the eighteen, his little son said:—"Pa, give me a piece." "No, no, my son," replied the father, "go away; pa is sick." When a young man has surfeited in season and out of season, until exhausted nature gives way, and a fever is coming on, the good mother is in trouble. She anxiously inquires, "Now, John, what can you eat? You must eat something! People can't live without food!" Then comes toast and tea, &c. The stomach is exhausted, and no more needs stimulating or food than a jaded horse needs a whip. Nine-tenths of the acute diseases may be prevented by a few days' starvation when the first indications appear. I don't mean complete abstinence in every case, but perhaps, a piece of course bread, with cold water for drink. If such a policy was generally adopted, what ruin would overtake the medical profession. How many physicians would lack for patients.

METHOD IN WORK.—Do instantly whatever is to be done; take the hours of reflection for recreation after business, and never before it. When a regiment is under march, the rear is often thrown into confusion because the front does not move steadily and without interruption. It is the same with business. If that which is first in hand is not instantly, steadily and regularly dispatched, other things accumulate behind, till affairs begin to press all at once, and no human brain can stand the confusion; pray, mind this—it is one of your weak points, a habit of mind it is that is very apt to beset men of intellect and talent, especially when their time is not filled up regularly, but is left to their own arrangement. But it is like the ivy round the oak, and ends by limiting, if it does not destroy the power of manly and necessary exertion.

INDEPENDENT ACTION.—How useless it is to rely for happiness on "the world." If you would pass through life in the easiest possible manner, shrink from nothing in itself virtuous and rational. Venerate only that which is inherent and changelessly right. Release your mind from the trammels of conventionalism, and suffer no other restraint upon your acts than that imposed by conscience and the Bible; so will you insure a sweet immunity from countless petty cares and annoyances, acquire an ever-increasing strength of character, and build on a firm and durable basis that inward respect for yourself, which is incalculably more to be valued than the changeful approval of artificial people.

SILENT LIES.—"Boys and girls should always speak the the truth," is often said by parents and teachers. Is that sufficient? There are many who never give verbal utterance to a falsehood, who yet act falsely, often blasting the character, and ruining the prospects, of individuals in this world by their *silence*. How many persons, by a cowardly silence, have acted lies; allowing an innocent individual to be wrongfully accused! To be truly noble, one *must be true through and through*; for truth is a thing not of words only, but of life and being.—*Oliver Optic's Magazine.*

GOOD FROM EVIL.—At Niederpleutz, near Rwickau, in Saxony, a vast bed of coal has been burning for over 3000 years. The ground above the subterranean bed of fire has become thoroughly warmed by this time, and an ingenious gardener has utilized it by planting upon it a large nursery garden. Here he raises tropical plants of all kinds, with exotic fruits, which flourish with a vigor and luxuriance in the open air that the best foreign houses could not ensure.

☞We are as liable to be corrupted by books as by companions.—*Fielding.*

TEMPERANCE REFORM.

[Extract from a temperance sermon preached by Rev. B. M. Fullerton, at the Congregational church, Palmer, on Fast Day, 1874.]

Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field.—NUM. 22, 4.

The reference is to the time when Israel on their way to the Land of Promise desired to pass through the territory of Moab. The Moabites objected on the ground that the passage of Israel would impoverish them by consuming their substance. So the excellent and noble of the world on their way to the heavenly Canaan have occasion to pass through the territory occupied by others, and even to engage in earnest religious and moral effort while there. They even strive to do to the world in general all the good they may. They ask, not like Ancient Israel, merely for the right of way, but also for the privilege of making the territory through which they journey better. But those who occupy the territory dispute their right to this privilege; cannot brook their efforts; and organize business and wealth against them.

We may instance the temperance reform. Intemperance holds possession of large tracts of country. Its contrivances and its fosteriug agencies may be called its territory through which the friends of temperance seek to march. But so soon as the attempt is made the friends of intemperance resist, fearing that temperance will lick up all their substance. They cry out against reform as a disturbance of their business, forgetting that business has no business to be such business as theirs. Indiscriminate liquor selling as now carried on has no legal rights in this State and no moral rights anywhere. Yet it has reported of it such statistics as these:—65,000,000 gallons of distilled and 9,000,000 barrels of fermented liquors annually drank in our land; $594,000,000 worth of damaging stimulants poured down the throats of the people; nearly all these dollars taken from the backs and months of children and wives, and wholly alienated from God's treasury and the channels of mercantile prosperity—more money for the ministry of one base appetite than for the establishment and carrying on of schools, churches and missions put together; half a million able-bodied men taken from useful occupations; immense aggregates of grain and and fruits diverted from legitimate uses; 800,000 drunken paupers and their children; two-thirds of all crime; one-third of the idiocy and lunacy; three-fourths of the poverty; a vast proportion of the suffering of innocent children and oppressed women; and these are the possessions through which the chariots of reform are forbidden to pass. These are the districts, so to speak, into which no saving agencies should enter. It must be apparent at a glance that we have here the results of an altogether overdone branch of trade! If to employ men in making cloth diverted them from raising wheat; if besides we were starving for wheat and the cloth were a drug and a nuisance in the market; and if, in addition to all this, we could produce wheat at a fair price and could make cloth only at a ravenous cost, it would scarcely be worth while to carry on such a manufacture. The rum business is at present carried on at the expense of every trade and industry in the land. It makes the cost of everything we eat or wear far higher than it would be did it not exist. It brings physical suffering. It multiplies diseases. Oceans of tears now wept would never have been shed but for its existence. Millions of heart-aches trace their origin to it. Tens of thousands of crimes have their source in it. It adds nothing to the value of our estates, but makes all the property we own worth far less than it would be were that business brought to an end. When, then, the rum power shows us its 1200 grog shops, twelve miles of rum fountains, in a single city of the United States, and we recollect the havoc they are causing, who of us can have anything but words of encouragement for the sisters and wives who are fighting with wild beasts at Ephesus, by praying in the saloons of our wiskey-soaked cities and towns.

The spectacle of Christians backing out of their confidence in prayer when it happens to be employed for securing practical and visible results is pitiable in the extreme. The prayer battle with the liquor interest has already had its victories signal enough to justify it though it end right here.

But perfect uniformity of opinion as to means must not be waited for. Nor must we bear down upon the seller only. We must make the drunkard feel that he, too, is a guilty man, and not take away his sense of responsibility by inspiring him with the notion that he is the seller's unwilling victim. Do not feed his self-conceit by talking about the wonderful nobility of sots. He is generous—to whom? To his own selfish appetite. But do not talk to sensible people of the generosity of men who will not provide for their own house. Public opinion should be brought to bear with a new and mighty force upon the traffic. It is claimed that it is a better sign to buy and sell openly at the bar than to skulk away into secret closets to do these things. That depends upon the reason for skulking. If it is merely to escape the eye of a vigilant law it may not argue any higher sense of morality than to act openly. But if it is the force of public opinion which drives the business to cover it reveals a far more sensitive conscience for him who does it to conceal it. It shows he has not given up all desire to retain the respect of his fellow men. * * * * Churches, reading rooms, personal appeals, family influences, and prayer should all be freely used for furthering the progress of the virtue of temperance. Upon the multiplication of moral influences rather than on law must be our main reliance. Take hold of the drunkard's hand and lift him up. He may feel the contrast between that act and the curse and the kick he gets from him who furnishes him with misery in exchange for his money. And by all means let no more children grow up uninstructed in the evils of intemperance.

☞Many an honest man practices upon himself an amount of deceit sufficient, if practiced upon another, and in a little different way, to send him to the state prison.—*Bovee.*

WOMAN ITEMS.

Almost all the ladies of Oregon are bowed down with the mumps.

Mr. Stocking has been and married Anna Frost. This calls for a 'Hose-Anna!'

An Iowa gentleman hitched up his horses and enabled his wife to elope with a photographer.

'Lovely Mary' is what an Iowa editor heads three or four columns about Mrs. Scott Siddons.

An Indiana lady held a burglar by the whiskers until her husband came home. Burglars should shave often.

Sapphira Dickinson still haunts the dreams of the Kalamazoo boy. She lectured last on 'For Your Own Sake.'

A man who had been at a crowded ball said he was fond of rings on his fingers, but didn't like belles on his toes.

One who knows how it is herself, says: 'The man who is awfully urbane to his wife before strangers is also her bane behind their backs.'

Woman's Rights are advancing in Mississippi. A postmistress there discharged her husband from clerkship, the other day, for non-attendance to duty.

The four hundred girls at Vassar College are obliged to rise at five o'clock in the morning, and are not allowed to have beaux except in the presence of three old women.

A York State girl, on hearing of the death of her lover a month ago, fainted away and was unconscious for a week. She recovered sufficiently to be married last Monday.

It is affirmed that the best State librarian Indiana has ever had is the present incumbent, a lady, who has transformed the library from 'a dirty kennel to a fine reading-room.'

The power of love is once more illustrated in the case of a girl in London who, in order to save her lover, the real culprit, went into court and swore that she stole a certain diamond pin.

Women members of the Congregational churches of Iowa propose to raise an endowment of $20,000 for the female department of Iowa College, by contributing one cent a day for the next five years.

A Detroit young woman appeared in the police court and said she was an artist; she had been painting a man's eye, using a soda water bottle for a brush. For doing this she received the munificent compensation of 33,400 minutes' imprisonment.

☞A story is told in Paris of a son of Mr. Bixio. This eminent man was for a short time incarcerated in the fortress of Vincennes, after the coup d'etat. His wife, accompanied by one of her sons, went to see him. They dined together in his chamber. The son was extremely sad and taciturn during the dinner, and at last attracted his father's attention. "Why, my dear boy, what is the matter?" "Nothing, father," replied the lad of eleven. "Nonsense; I see something is the matter with you. Come, tell me what it is." The boy blubbered, "Why, pa, I am so disappointed. I made sure of seeing you in a dungeon, chained to the wall, and you ain't."

☞A smile costs the giver nothing, yet it is beyond price to the erring and relenting, the sad and cheerless, the lost and the forsaken. It disarms malice, subdues temper, turns enmity to love, revenge to kindness, and paves the darkest paths with gems of sunlight. A smile on the brow betrays a kind heart, a pleasant friend, an affectionate brother, a dutiful son, and a happy husband. A smile resembles an angel of paradise.

☞A practical joke was once attempted to be played on Mr. Erskine as he went, one day, to Westminster hall with his ample bag crammed full of briefs. Some waggish barristers hired a Jew's boy to go and ask him if he had any old clo's to sell. No, you little Hebrew imp, exclaimed the indignant counselor, they are all new suits.

☞Give me the boy who rouses when he is praised, who profits when he is encouraged, and who cries when he is defeated. Such a boy will be fired by ambition; he will be stung by reproach, and animated by preference; never shall I apprehend any bad consequences from idleness in such a boy.—*Quintilian.*

☞Thou mayest as well expect to grow stronger by always eating as wiser by always reading. Too much overcharges nature, and turns more disease than nourishment. It is thought and digestion which makes books serviceable, and gives health and vigor to the mind.—*Fuller.*

☞A gentleman afflicted with an impediment in his speech, was one day looking at the Siamese twins when they were upon exhibition. After examining them for some time in silence, he turned to the showman, and inquiringly remarked:—"B-b-b-brothers, I presume, sir?"

☞Strong minds can decide for themselves, not by the opinions, but by the reasons that are laid before them. Weak minds are influenced merely by opinions, and never, either before or after their decision, are firm in abiding by the preponderating reasons.

☞A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—*Pope.*

☞No man is rich whose expenditures exceed his means; and no one is poor whose incomings exceed his outgoings.—*Halifurton.*

☞The first ingredient in conversation is truth, the next good sense, the third good humor, and the fourth wit.—*Sir. W. Temple.*

☞A friendship will be young after the lapse of a century. A passion is old at the end of three months.—*Nigu.*

☞A man who cannot mind his own business is not fit to be trusted with the king's.—*Saville.*

☞The daily life of a good man is a fountain that enriches and refreshes all that come near.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1874

GEN. BUTLER thinks that the position of U. S. Senator is lower than Governor, and that Mr. Washburn has stepped down a peg. If that opinion is worth anything to anybody it had better be preserved.

Now that the Legislature has disposed of the Senatorship it can attend to business. It has lost a month from its regular working days by this diversion, and it will be middle of June before it adjourns unless it works diligently and rapidly now.

CONTRARY to expectation President Grant has vetoed the currency inflation bill, and now the newspapers which have been abusing him severely are commending him very highly. He did not tell any one what he was going to do, but did it and the country is surprised. He used to make such surprises when he was fighting the rebels.

THE amended Ten Hour bill has passed the Senate. It provides that the hours of labor in mills shall be sixty a week, and the manufacturers can employ the operatives twelve or fifteen hours a day if they wish, cutting off enough on Saturday to make the sixty hours a week. This is not what the Labor Reformers have asked for, and it will not satisfy them. The House may not agree with the Senate in this bill.

GOV. WASHBURN has appointed Sidney Andrews, his private secretary, secretary of the Board of State Charities, in place of Edwin L. Pierce, resigned. It was generally expected that F. B. Sanborn, formerly secretary of the board, and recommended by the leading citizens of the State, would be appointed, and there is considerable surprise at this action. Mr. Andrews is a newspaper man, and will, no doubt, make a good secretary.

LATER developements show that the officers of the French steamer "Amerique" were more frightened than hurt when they deserted the vessel last week in the British channel. For after floating around for three days the abandoned steamer was picked up by two British steamers and safely conveyed to port, only six feet of water being found in her engine room, all the other compartments being dry. This does not speak very well for the courage or competency of the French officers.

THE great freshet on the Mississippi has caused a great deal of suffering and loss in Louisiana, and the states bordering on the lower Mississippi, whole parishes being overflowed, and the inhabitants left destitute. Appeals have been made for help for the sufferers, which are being liberally responded to from all parts of the country. The waters of the Arkansas have also overflowed their banks and deluged many plantations, the workmen fleeing to the interior. Travel in many parts of the country is almost entirely suspended.

Governor Talbot.

Our Lieut. Gov. Thomas Talbot, of Billerica, becomes the Executive of the State by the election of Gov. Washburn for U. S. Senator. Mr. Talbot is very well known throughout the Commonwealth, having for many years been in official position. He was formerly a merchant in Boston, dealing in dye woods, but for nearly a score of years he has been engaged in manufacturing and has grown wealthy in the business. He was elected member of the Constitutional Convention in 1853, and served five successive years in the executive council, commencing with the last year of Gov. Andrew's administration. He is now on the second year of office as Lieut. Governor. That he will fill the gubernatorial chair as well as Mr. Washburn, no one who knows him will doubt. He is a thoroughly practical man, with rare executive ability and is better informed on State matters than any new Governor we have had for many years. Before the event which has placed him in the executive chair, his name was mentioned for Gov. Washburn's successor, and his position now will serve to strengthen the desire to elect him Governor next fall. Already his position on the prohibitory question is discussed. It is enough to say that he is generous hearted, liberal minded, and will not run in narrow grooves. The question, if it comes to him, will receive the consideration it deserves, and the Legislature will not be told beforehand that if it pass a law amending the prohibitory or constabulary act, it need not expect any favors from him.

SHOCKING MURDER.—Another terrible tragedy was enacted in the Dorchester district Wednesday afternoon. The body of a male child, only 4½ years, was found in a pit, once used for clam-baking. On the body were found thirty-one wounds, any one of which were undoubtedly sufficient to have caused death. Search was made and the father of the murdered child found, who said the boy was last seen at play with some other children. A boy named Jesse Pomeroy, who has a mania for cutting human flesh, was arrested on suspicion, and has confessed his guilt. Pomeroy was sent to the Reform School at Westboro in September, 1872, for the remainder of his minority, for cruelly torturing, beating and cutting seven small boys, but was let out on probation at the end of 17 months. Since that time Katie Curran, a little girl in South Boston, has mysteriously disappeared, and Pomeroy is suspected of some knowledge of that also. He has been committed to jail to await the action of the coroner's jury.

Out of the Fog.

We were able to announce in nearly all of our edition last week, the election of a U. S. Senator by the Legislature. It was on the 33d ballot, three of the ballotings taking place on that day. There had been caucussing by the Dawes and Hoar men the night before, at which the latter proposed that the former might name a compromise candidate. Caucusing was renewed Friday morning, but after discussing the situation all the forenoon both wings went into convention a good deal roiled in temper. On the first ballot Hoar stood 93 to 92 for Dawes, and on the second ballot the vote was Hoar 75, Dawes 72. A vacation of half an hour was asked for and obtained, when another consultation was held. The Dawes men proposed the name of Dr. Loring, which the Hoar men at once rejected, and all hands went back into convention utterly demoralized. The Hoar men went for Gov. Washburn, and some of the Dawes men followed, but when the roll was finished he had not enough to elect him. But as the ice had been broken and the current was rapidly sweeping down, members all over the House began to change their votes till the roll stood for W. B. Washburn 151; for Curtis 64, Dawes 26, Adams 15, Banks 4, Dr. Loring 4, Whittier 1, Wendell Phillips 1, Stephen N. Gifford 1, Absent 13.

Governor Washburn, the new senator, was elected, not so much to fill Sumner's place, as to end the dead-lock and get out of an entanglement. It seemed the only way to end a disagreeable job and leave the Republican party intact. Gov. Washburn has made an average Governor, kept the ship of State in its old channel and has done nothing the people can particularly condemn or warmly commend. He belongs to the cold-blooded species, who have no personal magnetism to draw men to them and multiply friends, yet with his solid integrity and uprightness of purpose no one doubted the safety of the Commonwealth in his hands. He has served in the lower branch of Congress, and will not feel entirely a stranger on entering the Senate. His term will be short, and though it is understood that he is only to finish Mr. Sumner's term, the same circumstances which led to his election this winter may occur again in the next Legislature.

We are frank to say that in the contest Mr. Dawes has been treated very shabbily. But for his non-intervention in the Simmons fight at Washington he would have been elected. He has been sorely punished by the opponents of Simmons, and what effect the soreness and bitterness engendered will have in the next campaign cannot yet be determined. Some of his friends propose to run him for Governor, and when elected use the prestige of his position to elect him Senator. Others consider it best to start him early in the fall campaign and harmonize in the State convention only on the understanding that he must be elected next winter. Meantime his Republican constituents think he is the only man in the district they can elect to Congress next autumn.

Gubernatorial Fight in Arkansas.

Arkansas is in a state of great excitement on account of a fight for the possession of the State House at Little Rock. At the last gubernatorial election Elisha Baxter was declared elected by the Legislature when it opened the boxes, but his opponent Joseph Brooks, disputed it, charging that fraud had been practiced, and appealed to the courts, which last week gave a decision in his favor. Brooks immediately gathered a few men, and proceeding to the State House at Little Rock, took forcible possession, ejecting Baxter and his officers therefrom. Baxter immediately issued a proclamation to the people calling upon them to rally and aid him in regaining possession. Recruits for both sides were plenty, and Brooks made preparations for defending himself in the State House, and Baxter also armed his men for an assault upon it. But the United States troops at the city received orders to prevent any blood-shed, though not otherwise to interfere in the matter. The crowd under Baxter fired upon Col. Rose, commanding the United States troops, Wednesday morning, when he endeavored to disperse a mob, but Brooks' men, who are well officered have made no hostile attack, simply remaining on the defence. Gov. Brooks seems to be the strongest both legally and physically, but affairs are daily growing worse, and a bloody fight between the rival factions is eminent.

BLOODY TRAGEDY.—Stonington, Conn., was the scene of a bloody tragedy, Sunday evening, the victims being two sons of Henry Langworthy, one 18 and the other 25 years of age. The parents had gone to an evening meeting, and when they returned found the youngest son lifeless in a pool of blood, and the oldest son, nearly dead, in an adjoining bed-room. A hired man has been arrested on suspicion, although he told a straight story before the coroner's jury, and is himself somewhat injured. He asserts that the murder was committed by a couple of tramps, but that he was knocked down before he could recognize either of them. There was a heavy insurance on the lives of the boys, and their father is suspected of being an accessory to the murder for the sake of obtaining this, and that he engaged the man to do the job. The excitement over the tragedy is unabated. It is thought possible that the oldest son may recover.

☞A resolution has been introduced into the lower house of Congress and referred to the judicary committee, providing for the election of Senators by the popular vote in each State.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

....The last snow storm, April 23d.

....Look out for spring cleaning, busy housewives and cross husbands, about this time.

....Geo. W. Aspinwall has bought a house and lot on Pleasant street of George Gerell for $3500.

....All in want of garden or field seeds and fertilizers should call on George Robson in American House block.

....The latest thing in jewelry are the Russian watch chains, neat and pretty, for sale by "Clark, the jeweler." Call and see them.

....Benjamin Butler has brought a piece of land near Warriner's saw mill, in the western part of Monson, of Daniel Foskett, for $225.

....Reform Club meeting at the vestry to-morrow (Sunday) evening, to which all are welcome. Speaking and singing by home talent.

....The new "Grammar" department of the graded school in this village, referred to last week, is to be taught by Miss R. F. Watkins of Hinsdale.

....J. H. Cook & Sons of Springfield put up a fine monument and ten head-stones, in the cemetery at this village on Wednesday,—all for the Blanchards.

....A fire in the woods Sunday afternoon, back of this village, burned over some four or five acres of standing wood, belonging to J. K. Knox and P. W. Webster.

....J. C. Burnham, who lives about three miles east of this village, will sell all his personal property at auction, next Tuesday, the 28th inst., sale commencing at 9 o'clock.

....M. W. French has sold his fine residence on Thorndike street to Albert Willis for $7000, and is now engaged in raising the rear ell of the Major Morgan mansion, and frescoing the interior.

....Rev. Joshua Gill, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of Massachusetts, is advertised to speak in the Cong. vestry, Monday evening, under the anspices of the Good Templars. All are invited.

....Lehigh coal is selling for $10 a ton in Springfield, but J. F. Holbrook is still selling it for $8.50 delivered, and now is the time to lay in a supply as it is expected the price will advance each month.

....The new Spring styles of bonnets, etc., have been received by Mrs. Collins in the Commercial block, and Miss Mary Sedgwick on Pleasant Street. Read their advertisements on our third page.

....The prospect for the erection of a new brick business block on Main street, opposite the depot, this summer, is not very encouraging, and the public hall which this village so much needs is still far in the future.

....Tramps are plenty now-a-days, and about fifty of these nuisances are provided for by our selectmen, every week. When Allen's new block is completed we shall be able to save them a two mile walk to their lodgings.

....The Second Adventists have rented the hall in McGilvray block on South Main street in which to hold meetings. The Good Templars also expect to occupy the hall for their weekly meetings, after May 8th.

....Among the signs of the times are those of "The Palmer Market," in neat and bold gilt letters over the meat market of O. W. Studley; the new curtain of "Clark, the Jeweler," and last and least that of E. L. Davis, which is a model of simplicity and brevity.

....We were enabled to give the news of the election of Senator Washburn last week within half an hour after the vote was declared at the State House, this being the first weekly paper in the State to give the news of the final ending of the long contested election.

....John M. Converse has moved his barn from the rear of his house to the cellar between the old Journal and Cross' blocks, and is fitting it up for business purposes. It might have been worse, and the building will cover an unsightly cellar hole on our business street.

....Lyman Dorman of Monson brought a trio of young foxes to this village on Saturday, one of which was intended for Engineer Leach on the N. L. N. R. R. The little fellows attracted a good deal of attention, as they were exhibited by their captor, who handled them with perfect freedom.

....The Y. P. L. Club next Wednesday evening will discuss the question: "Resolved, That dramas are not beneficial to the club either morally or financially." There will also be the usual variety of music and literary exercises. The club hold a social meeting next Friday evening, May 1st, at their rooms.

....The annual meeting of the Second Cong. Society was held in their vestry Monday afternoon. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year;—Clerk, David Knox; Prudential committee, B. B. Adams, H. P. Holden, J. B. Shaw; H. J. Lawrence was chosen Treasurer and Collector, but declined serving. O. P. Allen, Jas. S. Loomis, and Henry P. Holden were chosen to reappraise the slips in the church. The slips will be rented to the highest bidder on Tuesday evening next, at 7:30. The debt of the society is nearly all paid. The prudential committee were authorized to rent the vestry for any purpose they deemed proper, and to hold the party renting it responsible for any damage done. A committee of three were also chosen to look after the disturbers of the evening meetings of the church.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

The remaining real estate of the late Major Morgan will be sold at auction at the Antique House this Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. It consists of ten or a dozen lots of land mostly in the northern part of the town, and in Brimfield. It will be a rare chance for somebody to buy cheap.

EXHIBITION.

The Young People's Literary Club acquitted themselves well at their second public exhibition last week. All the characters in the drama were well assigned, and the amateur actors acquitted themselves well in their respective parts. The tableaux were well chosen and well presented, while the declamation by W. C. Hitchcock was applauded, and the comic song and dance of Mr. Murphy brought down the house. But for an unlucky accident, by which the hand of Mr. C. A. Brown was badly burned, all passed off smoothly and to the satisfaction of the audience. Despite the stormy weather the receipts at the door were over $40.

DISTRICT COURT.

Purlin Thompson of Three Rivers, on Monday, was given a 30 days' sentence in the House of Correction for being a common drunkard.——On Wednesday, Benjamin Ball, a Three Rivers youngster, 11 years of age, was brought upon a charge of larceny, and turned over to the tender mercies of the State Primary School on the hill for discipline.——The same day, Chester A. Leonard was examined on a charge of stealing from Albert Dorman, last March, found guilty, and sentenced to six months in the House of Correction, from which he appealed, and in default of bail was committed for trial at the higher court.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

George F. Ryder, a man about 35 or 40 years of age, mysteriously disappeared from this village about two weeks ago, and has not been heard from since. He boarded at Mrs. Tiffany's on Pleasant street, and did chores around the house and at the farm. The day of his sudden disappearance, he finished up his chores as usual, and then went out, dug some bait, took his fishing tackle, and started off. Little notice was taken of his absence for a few days, as it was thought he might have had poor luck fishing, and chosen to prolong his tramp in hope of better success, but his continued absence excited fears that he might have drowned himself or during a fit fallen into the water, and search was made for him in the brooks and pond he was accustomed to frequent, but without success. Ryder in his youth was known as a very intelligent and active man in his community, but was severely injured during the war by a kick from a horse, which disfigured his face, and it is said somewhat injured his intellect. No reason can be assigned why he should have committed suicide or run away, and "accidental drowning" seems to be the general impression as to the cause of his non-appearance.

BRIMFIELD.

Sarah B. Bacon has bought a 125 acre farm in Brimfield, paying Patty Charles $2500 therefor. The farm is about a mile and a half from this village.

WILBRAHAM.

The funeral of young Naramore, the victim of the fatal shooting at Wesleyan Academy, was attended on Friday of last week at the church, at 8.30 A. M., after which a procession was formed, and proceeded to the depot, the rest of the school escorting the Literary Society of which deceased was a member. Four young men, including Dr. Cook, the principal, accompanied the remains to Derby, Conn., where they were interred. W.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

The town meeting held on Monday was largely attended. The business was simply to rescind a former vote to hold all meetings of the town in the center village instead of alternating them in the North and South Parish. A motion to choose a moderator by nomination was lost, when the North cheered lustily. Henry Bliss moved that Nelson Morey be moderator of the meeting, which was decided out of order. A motion to use the check list in choosing a moderator and a vote by ballot prevailed, resulting in the choice of Wm. R. Sessions, the candidate of the South Parish, by twenty majority. A motion coming from the South Parish was to vote yea and nay by ballot, using the check list, was carried; then a motion from John Baldwin to adjourn to November next was decided out of order. The vote to rescind was carried, 191 to 190, and being announced by the moderator the meeting adjourned *sine die*. When the long train of vehicles came from the South Parish the bell in the Cong. church tolled; but as the corpse showed signs of life the bell was silent when they returned. Another town meeting is threatened from the North. As might makes right *with them* they may do better the next time. The North found much fault with the South for calling the meeting at this season of the year, saying why did you not wait till the November meeting? "We may difference see, 'twixt tweedledum and tweedledee." John Beavers was arrested for adultery with Ellen Oakley a few days ago and arraigned before Judge Allen at Palmer on Tuesday, who found him guilty of the charge, and bound him over to the Superior Court. He was committed for lack of bail.——Sheriff Warren lost ten hogs last Sabbath.——Wm. D. Howlett, living in Scantic village, is dangerously sick.——Cyrus Lee, the highway surveyor in the South Parish, is working the roads, a circumstance never known thus early in our town. This is as it should be. Ten dollars worked thus early is worth three times the amount worked in the fall. May all the other surveyors take his example and do likewise.——The dance in Academy hall Tuesday evening was largely attended, and all seemed satisfied. S. W.

MONSON.

At the adjourned town meeting on Monday last the town voted to raise $4800 for the support of schools, $3000 for highways and bridges, $3000 for current expenses, and $4000 for the town debt. The highways are to be kept in repair by agents employed by the selectmen. A motion was made to reconsider the vote of the previous meeting, whereby the selectmen were authorized to purchase a town clock, but the motion did not prevail, three to one voting not to reconsider. W. O. Hovey and Wm. J. Ricketts were chosen school committee for three years, and Rev. Earl Guilford for one year. H. M. Bacon and Charles Robbins were chosen constables.——M. H. Bacon has been appointed agent of the Massachusetts society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.——Messrs. Park and Thompson have leased the Monson (south) graulte quarry of Chapin & Keep, and are erecting derricks at the depot and elsewhere to fill various contracts in Holyoke, Belchertown and Palmer.——Mr. Wheelock contemplates building a new house on the lot recently purchased of Mrs. McMaster.——James McCormick is digging a cellar preparatory to erecting a dwelling near the Catholic church on South Main street.——Arba Squier is putting in the foundation of a new house on Green street.——William A. Charles is receiving brick from Rogers & Sons at North Monson for his new house to be erected this season.——Stephen C. Nichols has purchased the M. E. parsonage, and the parsonage association have bought Leroy Squier's house on Green St.——R. M. Reynolds is pushing forward to completion his block for stores, meat market and tenements, and the Rogers Bros. expect to occupy there about the 1st of May.——The old horse-sheds remain about the same, although rumor has it that the center one has changed hands, and if saw and ax are faithfully used it is possible there may be improvements in that locality.——There is some talk of a new school house in the Gage district, and if the citizens of that locality arouse themselves there is no doubt that a town magnanimous enough to vote for a town clock would cheerfully wish to give them a school house which would be a just pride and ornament to the district, as well as protect the teacher, who now has to raise an umbrella when it rains or get wet.——The Good Templars propose to give a public exhibition before long in Green's hall.——At the sociable in the Cong. church parlors on Wednesday evening the avails were presented to the Germania orchestra, who have furnished pleasing and entertaining music for both societies the past winter, free of charge, and everybody and their friends left their best wishes for the future prosperity and success of the Germania.——Rev. Benton Smith, Financial Secretary of the Mass. Universalist State Convention, will preach in Green's Hall, Monson, to-morrow, at the usual hours of church services.

WARE AND VICINITY.

....The first thunder of the season, in this vicinity, occurred Monday night.

....Milton Lewis has purchased the Fisherdick farm in the West part of the town for $2,200.

... Leander Wetherell Esq., editor of the Boston Cultivator, was in town a few days since for a brief visit.

....We are informed that K. A. Burnell and other Y. M. C. A. workers will again hold meetings in Ware, May 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday.

....There is to be a change in our town liquor agency, judging from current reports, as Mr. Davison, the present agent, desires to retire from the positon.

....The friends of Henry Hutchinson, who recently met with a severe loss in the burning of his barn and its entire contents, have contributed a purse of nearly $250 for his benefit.

....James McMahon's child, three years of age, fell into the river on Wednesday, passing over the dam opposite the Gilbert Mfg. Co's. mill, but was rescued alive after being in the water several minutes. The child was cared for by Dr. D. W. Miner.

....The Amherst Record is responsible for the following: "Dr. Dupree, the eminent New York Chiropodist, removed thirteen corns from the feet of a lady patient in Ware, in a *very few seconds* and without the slightest pain. She can now walk with ease and comfort." We should call that a large corn crop for so small a surface.

....The office of the American Express Company has been removed from the hardware store of J. W. Robinson to Geo. K. Cutler's bookstore. Mr. Cutler will act as local agent, and Henry Hendrick, who formerly held that position, will commence running as express messenger on the Ware River Railroad next Monday, though still residing in Ware.

....An organization has recently been perfected among the Catholics to be known as "The Father Matthew Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society of Ware," and has the following officers:—President, John W. Clark; Vice President, J. T. Dowd; Secretary, E. P. Mooney; Financial Secretary, John O'Connell; Treas., James E. Clark, and a board of six directors. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening.

....At the last meeting of the Temperance Reform Club, the question of introducing the tobacco pledge was discussed at some length, and although it was not thought best by a majority to include that in the regular pledge of the society, yet a committee were appointed to secure signers to such a pledge outside the Club as well as among its own members. These meetings are becoming quite interesting, and it is to be hoped that more will avail themselves of the privilege of attending, as all are welcome.

....Judging from the multiplicity of organizations recently formed in town, all advocates of the temperance reform, we should naturally suppose the evil of intemperance could not long flourish in our midst. The latest society that comes to our knowledge is "The Ware Catholic Total Abstinence Society," organized last week and officered as follows:—President, John Fitzgerald; Vice President, M. Dillon; Secretary, Edward Hamptou; Treasurer, Matthew Kelly; Directors, M. Keefe, S. Hampton, M. Gallagher.

☞Adgus Brown, a nine year old son of a butcher in Lawrence, was instantly killed Tuesday evening by the discharge of a gun playfully pointed at him by a young man named John Stoddard.

☞They are actually building furnaces in Germany for purpose of cremation.

Hampden County.

—The pay-roll at the Springfield Armory for last month, amounted to $45,000.

—The works of laying the pipes for the Westfield water-works has been begun.

—Two children, natives of Westfield, aged 9 and 11 years, have just commenced going to school.

—Rev. George Whitaker, recently chosen presiding elder for the Springfield district, will take up his residence in Westfield.

—The Springfield Y. M. C. A. will begin to publish a paper May 1, to be called the Association Journal.

—The next fair of the Hampden Agricultural Society will be held at West Springfield, October 7 and 8.

—Rev. J. S. Barrows, of Westfield, was driving home from a wedding, Monday evening, when his horses became unmanageable, and both they and the carriage rolled down an embankment, but Mr. Barrows escaped with only a few bruises.

HEAVY FIRES.—The Haxall mills at Richmond, Va., were destroyed by fire on Tuesday. Loss $200,000. The fire was the largest the city had since 1865. The mills will be rebuilt at once.——A heavy and disastrous fire at Ishpenning, Mich., Sunday night, burned twenty-five business places and rendered thirty families homeless. The loss was about $150,000. The wife of a hotel keeper died of fright while the fire was raging. Another fire occurred in the neighboring town of Vergennes, while their steam engine was on its way to Ishpenning and made a loss of some $20,000.

☞The ladies of San Francisco have formed a dress reform association, and have even issued a call inviting to their deliberations all earnest men who will help advise them what to wear. They will think over the matter for three months and then, having fully determined what is best, they will appear in their new styles on the Fourth of July and will add dresses to addresses making still more peculiar the habits of American citizens on Independence Day. The step is preliminary to immense raids upon the evil of intemperance, into which to be successful they must go free from charges of equal folly.

☞There are now seventeen governors of State, in the United States Senate. The list includes Messrs. Clayton of Arkansas, Buckingham of Connecticut, Oglesby of Illinois, Morton of Indiana, Hamlin and Morrill of Maine, Boutwell of Massachusetts, Ramsey of Minnesota, Alcorn of Mississippi, Fenton of New York, Anthony and Sprague of Rhode Island, Brownlow of Tennessee, and Boreman of West Virginia. Gov. Washburn will make the seventeenth.

☞The funeral of Dr. Livingstone was held on Saturday and Sunday, and was attended by a large crowd, including a representation from the Royal Geographical society. The Queen and Prince of Wales sent carriages as marks of respect for the deceased. Dr. Livingstone's grave is in the center of the west part of the nave of Westminister Abbey, near that of the inventor Stephenson.

☞The steamer Electra of the Providence line, and the City of Boston of the Norwich line, collided in New York harbor Tuesday evening. The engines of the City of Boston were badly damaged. No person injured. Two tug boats collided while going to assist the steamers, and one sunk immediately.

☞B. W. Salisbury, a Providence letter carrier, was arrested, Monday, on the charge of throwing away letters, instead of delivering them. He confessed his crime, but waived examination before the United State Commissioner, and was held to trial at the next term of the Circuit Court.

☞More than $16,000 worth of silks and other goods, said to belong to a wealthy New York importer, were seized on Friday, by the special agent of the U. S. Treasury on board the Cunard steamer Russia. An attempt was made to send the goods in traveling trunks as baggage.

☞An old pauper named Hildreth, who killed a fellow-inmate of the Westford poor-house some months ago, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree at Lowell, on Monday, and received a sentence to State Prison for life, with one day's solitary confinement.

☞There is more ship-building going on at the present time, on the Connecticut River, than in any previous year since 1861. Every yard from Hartford to Saybrook has one and some of them two or three vessels in process of construction.

☞The city of Sterling, Ill., has adopted an ordinance forbidding the sale or gift of liquor in less than five gallons, unless for sacramental or medical purpose.

☞Crowded meetings are held every week in Westboro' in the interest of temperance, and the propriety of introducing the crusade is under discussion.

☞Gen. Butler comes to Massachusetts to break a will that has been admitted to probate by Judge Choate. It is a case against a widow.

☞Whether to marry or not to marry was decided by a couple at Clinton, the other day by a game of dominoes—and Hymen won.

☞Mr. S. F. Cheney of Athol died Saturday afternoon suddenly of heart disease in Cambridge. He was 71 years old.

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At Thorndike, 22d, DAVID WELSH, 3½.
At Monson, 22d, GEORGE CHANDLER, 52.
At Belchertown, 20th, MARILLA C. ARNOLD, 65.
At Stafford, Ct., 22d, JOHN B. RICE, 63.
At Winchendon, 18th, ADDIE, 21, wife of DWIGHT F. MARSH, and eldest daughter of Addison Rugg, of Ware.
At Wales, 18th, ELI H. BAKER, 33.
At Stafford, 18th, HANNAH KIBBE, 72.
At West Warren, 13th, ALMIRA F. SNELL, 21, formerly of Ware.

The following lines were found among her papers, and were expressive of her own thoughts. She was one of a family of four sisters and one brother, and her last act was to take them by the hand, and utter the hope of a future meeting in the "Land of Rest." From a long sickness, patiently endured, she went to receive the "crown of life" which her faith had anticipated.

"Let us meet again in Heaven,
We who meet so often now;
Mingle prayer and praise together,
As before the throne we bow.
Let us stand within the city
Of the holy and the blest;
Let the friends who share our labor
Share with us the after-rest.

Let us meet again in Heaven,
Hand to hand and heart to heart,
Ever more to stay together,
Who have here but met to part;
Never there becoming weary,
Never more becoming sad,
Let us meet within the mansions
Of the saved and ever-glad.

Let us meet again in Heaven,
Brother, sisters, eye to eye;
All we love to be beside us—
May we meet beyond the sky.
Let us learn the glad new anthem,
Full of love and praise to Thee,
And united be our voices,
In the land beyond death's sea.

Let us meet again in Heaven,
God of love! O, grant us this!
That we all may be together
In Thy heavenly home of bliss.
Lead us where and how Thou pleasest,
But, O, Father! at the end,
Let us meet again in Heaven,
Hand to hand, and friend with friend.

MONSON SAVINGS BANK, MONSON, MASS. APRIL 24th, 1874.

The second annual meeting of the corporators of the Monson Savings Bank for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and transac ion of such other business as may properly come before them, will be holden at the office of the corporation, on Wednesday, May 6, 1874, at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Palmer, April 23, 1874. 1w8

VALUABLE LANDS IN MONSON AT AUCTION.

The subscriber will sell at public auction, on the premises in Monson,

On MONDAY, the 4th day of May next,

at 10 o'clock a. m., about 90 acres of land, situate near Flynt's quarries, and known as the Rodolphus Homer farm.

The lands consist of mowing, tillage, pasture, wood and sprout lands, and comprise some of the most productive lands in Monson, and will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. 15 per cent of purchase money will be required at sale, and 25 per cent. on delivery of deed; the balance can remain on mortgage. Other conditions made known at time of sale.

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Palmer, April 25, 1874. 2w8

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4.—The lot of wood land purchased of the Boston & Albany R. R. Co., formerly the property of Royal Blair.

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6.—The tract of land on the same road, comprising about 30 acres, partly wood and partly planted to rye, formerly belonging to Calvin Shaw.

7.—The lot of land in Tenneyville formerly belonging to John Blanchard, comprising about 30 acres, being a part of the old Colton farm.

8.—The flne meadow lot, comprising about ½ acre of superior mowing, in the rear of the Widow Wilder lot on River street, in Palmer village.

9.—The house and lot adjoining the property of Michael Burns, on River street, being a portion of the land formerly of Kate Hayes.

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Monson, April, 1874. G. F. M.

☞There was intense excitement in Elizabeth, N. J., the other day, over the discovery of an apparent plot to destroy the town. In the pockets of a man who had been arrested for drunkenness was found a letter from a person in New York, who informed the arrested party that "he might expect him soon, and the first thing he should do upon his arrival would be to blow up Elizabeth!" It was discovered, subsequently, that the writer referred to his wife.

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☞A man's wealth depends more on his wife than his income. Some women will cause their husbands to become rich on five hundred a year; others can scarcely keep out of jail on five thousand. Saving has made more fortunes than getting one. If married men are poor, in nine cases out of ten it is their wives' fault.

☞When a young man sits down on a slippery pavement, with such violence as to barely escape swallowing the roof of his mouth, there is nothing that will so powerfully prompt him to give indications of having done it on purpose, as the satisfaction depicted in the sweet face at the window opposite.

☞A Philadelphia negro went to sleep with his head on the railroad track and a hand-car came along and run over him. He got up swearing that he couldn't get any rest any where "widdon some white man would come along to bodder him." One of the wheels of the car was broken.

☞A Danbury jackass has the whooping cough. It has its coughing spells in the night, and were it the only son of a greatly beloved king, it could not have a more attentive auditory than that which bounds out of the beds in the neighborhood on the occurrence of a paroxism.

☞"Wasn't that a waste of powder?" said an Irishman to a Kentuckian, who had just brought a coon to the ground with his rifle from a large tree. "Why so, Pat?" asked the hunter. "Sure the fall would have kilt him," said Pat.

☞In area California is the second State in the Union, containing 188,948 square miles. Texas, the largest, 274,256 square miles, more than six times as large as the great State of Pennsylvania.

☞An Iowa railroad employe wrote to the supply officer for "some more of that red oil," not knowing that the color of the lantern globe had something to do with the shade of light it threw out.

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☞Between fifty and one hundred saloons, all told, have been closed in Ohio by the woman's temperance movement.

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